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DIVE BOMBING MOONLIGHT RAIDERS

Husband and Wife Among Seven Dead

The Miraculous Escape of Mr. J. W. Woods

In brilliant moonlight two separate dive-bombing attacks were made by German raiders on a south-east coast town on Sunday night.

Among the buildings wrecked were two inns, several shops and a number of private houses, but the casualties were comparatively few.

Had the raid taken place half an hour earlier casualties must have been far heavier, for the bars at one inn, which received a direct hit, had shortly before been crowded with people.

The warning note of the diving planes caused many people to fling themselves down in the streets, which, over a wide area, were strewn with broken glass and debris.

Once again the rescue and demolition parties, aided by willing parties of civilian and serving men, carried out a very fine job of work.

A cheerful little woman, Mrs. Evans, wife of Mr. William P. Evans, landlord of the inn which received a direct hit, was killed. From the tangled mass of wreckage Mr. Evans was quickly extricated and taken to hospital for treatment.

Some time later the rescue party found Miss Sarah Richards, aged 67, sister of Mrs. Evans, who had apparently been blown through a hole in a wall. Although sufferng severely from shock, Miss Richards was not extensively injured and asked for and was given a cup of tea before being taken away in an ambulance.

The following morning bright green and red decorations and a number of flags which had adorned the bars were fluttering from the boughs of a tree which had been completely stripped of its leaves. A statuette, the arm of which had been broken off, lay at the top of the crater.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bowles, a miner and his wife, lost their lives in the basement of a nearby house which was struck a glancing blow. They had only recently returned to the town, Mr. Bowles having again secured employment at a colliery in the district. A rescue party found first the body of the wife, who was in her night attire, and then that of the husband.

There was a happy reunion with her husband and baby when Mrs. Lily Titherington, aged 25, was rescued from the wreckage of her home. The husband was quickly found and shortly afterwards his eight-months-old baby, Patricia Ann, was brought out unhurt. Some time later Mrs. Titherington was rescued and removed to hospital to receive treatment for her injuries.

Father and Son Killed.

Mr. William Landi and his son, Billy Landi, aged 17, were killed when a bomb wrecked their home. When the rescue party came across the bodies they found the father with his arms round his son. Only five minutes earlier a soldier friend on leave had left the house after spending some time with father and son. He returned to find they had both been killed. Mrs. Landi left home earlier in the evening to spend the night with a number of neighbours in a public shelter.

Mr. J. Martin Carr, a trader, had every reason to congratulate himself on his escape. Mr. Carr was sitting in an easy chair in an upstairs front room when he heard the raider diving. He rushed into the adjoining dining-room and put his head under an eiderdown. After the bombs had exploded Mr. Carr returned to the drawing-room to find that a mass of brickwork had been hurled right through the roof and was lying in the chair where he had been sitting a few minutes previously. Had he not moved he would undoubtedly have been killed.

Mr. Ephraim Rich, who was living alone in a house in a road which was severely damaged, dived into the basement passage as the bombs fell. One of the stone steps leading to the ground-floor was hurled against the door beside him and a piece of brickwork flew past his head. Mr. Rich found that the roof of his house had disappeared and he could not get to the upper rooms owing to the mass of debris.

Gallant Rescue Work.

A most remarkable escape was that experienced by Mr. J. W. Woods, who, together with his wife, has brought comfort to many victims of Nazi bombs in earlier raids.

Together with a number of other men, Mr. Woods had been watching the bombing by the R.A.F. of the Channel ports. When the plane began to dive Mr. Woods suggested that Mr. James Simpson, aged 74, Mr. Albert V. Setterfield, a trawler skipper, and Mr. James R. Tomlin, aged 72, should come into his porch for shelter.

Mr. Woods was helping Mr. Simpson into cover when a bomb struck the back of the building, and still had hold of him when Mr. Simpson was killed instantly. As the interior of the building came crashing down Mr. Woods was himself hurled through the floor and found himself among a mass of rubble in the cellar.

Remembering that his wife and daughter Pamela, aged 13, were in a shelter which he had made at the back of the house, Mr. Woods crawled towards it. First he pulled out his daughter, then his wife, and had to clear away piles of brick and woodwork before he could get them out at what was formerly the back of the building.

Once he found they were unhurt Mr. Woods ran round to the front of the house to help in the rescue of Mr. Setterfield and Mr. Tomlin, both of whom were seriously injured. Mr. Woods then discovered that the rescuers, who included Mr. Peter Groves and Mr. Tom Slack, were also looking for him, thinking he had been buried.

After passing through this terrifying ordeal, Mr. Woods found he had suffered nothing worse than a few bruises and abrasions. What hurt him more was to see his wrecked home.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods went to the rest centre, which is in their charge, and saw to the well-being of others like themselves who had been rendered homeless.

Canaries and Dog Escape.

The next morning it was seen that an aviary on the balcony of Mr. Woods' house was suspended at a perilous angle. Although the top was torn away, only two of the 18 canaries had escaped.

Soon after dawn Pamela climbed back through the wreckage of her home to the basement and rescued her dog.

Mr. George Cossons, brother of a war reserve police sergeant, who had been talking with Mr. Woods and the other men, was killed as he ran towards his home.

A short time before Mr. Cossons had helped his wife, who is an invalid, into the basement. Although the house was wrecked Mrs. Cossons was rescued unhurt.

Nearby another inn, which had been vacated recently, was partially demolished and many surrounding houses were damaged by blast.

The home of Mrs. F. L. Dunn, which had suffered in a previous raid, was again extensively damaged, but fortunately none of the occupants were hurt.

"I thought my two canaries, which were in the front room, must have been killed," said Mrs. Dunn. "When I went into the room I found the cage on the floor but the canaries were singing merrily."

When he came off duty Mr. Harry Bampton, whose home was badly damaged in a previous raid, decided to take a walk to watch the bombing across the Channel. Several bombs which screamed down landed quite close to him but he dodged behind some sandbags and was unhurt.

In a vault, the roof of which was pierced, the hoops of a number of barrels were sprung but otherwise there was little damage.

Streets for a considerable distance around were white with chalk thrown up from craters, an an unusual sight in one street was a bed which had been thrown on to the roof of a house.

BROADSTAIRS NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the election of a councillor to fill the vacancy caused in the Pierremont Ward of Broadstairs Council by the death of Mr. J. A. Forde have to be sent to Mr. E. F. Owen, Clerk to the Council, by 27th September.

Among the candidates who have consented to accept nomination are Mr. Lewis Harrison, of St. Peter's, Mrs. Holden, widow of Councillor W. V. Holden, and Mr. A. H. Stewart, of Granville-road, Broadstairs.

Cinema and College Hit

Mother and Son Killed

Rescuers Find Baby Dead

As a result of a dive bombing raid made during the same night on another south-east coast town, a cinema, a college evacuated at the beginning of the war, and a number of working-class houses were damaged, and the victims included a woman, her son and a baby.

When bombs fell in an old part of the town two shops and five houses were demolished. Mr. and Mrs. L. Davis, the occupants of one of them, had gone to a nearby shelter occupied by a friend.

Following her usual course when she felt there might be air activity, Mrs. Maud Denton and her baby son, aged 14 months, went to the adjoining house of her neighbour, Mrs. Katie Florence Pilcher. Together with Mrs. Pilcher's two sons, they were all in the front basement room when the houses received a direct hit and collapsed on top of them.

Within a few moments police officers, wardens and members of a rescue party were on the spot and heard a woman calling and the cries of a baby.

There was such a mass of debris above that it was difficult to find out in which of the rooms the trapped people might be. Wreckage was pulled away and eventually a door was reached. The door led to the basement of Mrs. Denton's house—but there was no one inside.

Tunnelling to the Rescue.

Guided by the sound of voices it became evident that the people were in the basement of the adjoining house and work was begun on tunnelling an entrance.

Aided only by dim torches and the suffused light of the moon, they worked without respite. One woman was heard to say that a gas stove was lying on top of her. Ominously, after about an hour, the voice of one of the women was heard no more.

The first rays of dawn were flecking the sky before the rescuers finally got to the basement door and crawled inside. A voice said "I can see your light. Come a little further this way."

With the risk of falling wreckage covering them, the trapped people, some of whom were under a table, were passed through the small tunnel to safety.

Mrs. Pilcher and her 16-year-old son Edward were found to be dead. So also was the baby, who might have been asphyxiated by gas.

Mrs. Denton and Alan Pilcher, aged 22, were alive and taken to hospital.

In the basement of one of the shops which was demolished was Mr. Kenneth Brown, a cycle dealer, and his wife. They were safe in the basement but much debris had to be removed before, two hours later, Mrs. Brown walked smartly up a ladder to safety. Mr. Brown suffered slightly from shock.

Fire-Watchers Escape.

At the cinema, which received a direct hit, the auditorium was completely wrecked and the windows and door at the front were blown out.

On duty in the building as fire-watcher was an attendant, George Atkins, accompanied by two youths. When they heard bombs exploding they ran from the vestibule towards the front of the building and threw themselves down as they heard another machine diving. Although all three escaped uninjured, the bottoms of Atkins' boots were blown off.

Two bombs demolished the wing of a boys' college, evacuated early in the war, and a dairy was damaged by another bomb. The entrance to a public shelter was blocked by a bomb which fell nearby but no one was hurt.

Mr. Jarvis, a war reserve constable, was injured by blast and taken to hospital.

The blast from one bomb blew out the roof and wall of a billiards room and concert hall at a political working men's club. One of the billiards tables was broken in half. Fortunately there was no one on the premises at the time, the steward and his wife having gone to another part of the town. When they returned they found the ceilings in their quarters were down.

The attack appears to have been made by a relay of four machines which crossed the coast at intervals of a few minutes.

PARENTS KEPT WAITING

SUMMONSES AGAIN ADJOURNED

No explanation was offered at Ramsgate police court on Monday when the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis) asked that summonses against two parents for failing to send their children back to the reception area as instructed by the local authority, should be further adjourned for a fortnight.

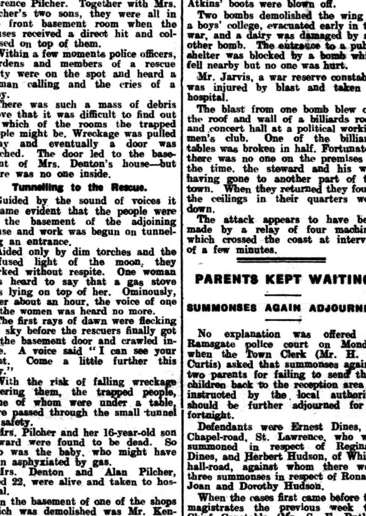
Defendants were Ernest Dines, of Chapel-road, St. Lawrence, who was summoned in respect of Reginald Dines, and Herbert Hudson, of White-hall-road, against whom there were three summonses in respect of Ronald, Joan and Dorothy Hudson.

When the cases first came before the magistrates the previous week the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) asked that they should be adjourned for a week as the Town Clerk, who was prosecuting, had that day been summoned to attend a conference dealing with the matter.

On Monday the Town Clerk asked that the cases should be adjourned for a further fortnight.

The magistrates consented to the adjournment.

BARE KNEES IN ICELAND



This picture from Iceland is an eloquent testimony to the fitness of our troops.

Fourth from the right in the back row is Pte. Peter Milton, of the R.A.M.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton, of No. 21 Dane-road, Ramsgate.

Before being called up for service in April last year Pte. Milton was an under-gardener at St. Lawrence College.

IT RAINED IN AUGUST

ONE AND THREE-QUARTER MILLION TONS AT RAMSGATE

It rained in August—we are now able to reveal.

In fact, writes our staff statistical correspondent, it rained quite a lot. Ramsgate had one million seven hundred and ninety-three thousand eight hundred and eighty tons of it. In numerals:

1,793,880 tons

In case you don't believe me you can work it out for yourself. The rainfall for the month was five inches. The area of Ramsgate is 3,624 acres and one inch of rain represents 99 tons to the acre.

To put it mildly, the August rainfall was phenomenal. It was approximately 500 times as much as in August, 1940. In August last year the rainfall figure was 0·24 mm. as against 127 mm. this year.

The yearly rainfall at Ramsgate being about 22 inches, we had in 31 days almost a quarter of the average figure for a year.

The figure was a record for 29 years. Before a greater figure is reached we have to go back to 1912, when the August figure was 5·76 inches.

To illustrate the extent to which the August figure was above the average the August figures in inches for the 12 years up to 1939 were 1·83, 1·80 2·34, 2·06, 0·89, 0·54, 2·11, 3·34, 1·31, 1·23, 3·048 and 1·83.

As local people will no doubt remember, July was also a wettish month with 3·32 inches.

There is one consoling thought—we had no visitors to grumble about the weather this year.

ROBBED NEIGHBOUR

WOMAN WHO YIELDED TO TEMPTATION

A married woman who walked into a neighbour's house, and walked out with £5, appeared at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Mrs. Ivy Gladys Emery, aged 38, of Queensgate-road, pleaded guilty to stealing £5, the money of Mrs. Dorothy Gwen Alice Pearce, on 23rd August.

D/C Hopper said that in company with D/C Honey he saw defendant at her house and told her he was making inquiries about the sum of £5 stolen from the house next door. Defendant said "Yes, I took her money." Defendant made a statement which she signed.

In the statement defendant said that at about 8.30 a.m. on Saturday, 23rd August, she thought she would go next door to see Mrs. Pearce. She went through a hole in the fence into her garden, and seeing the back door wide open, walked in. She could not see Mrs. Pearce and received no answer when she called out. She went into the dining-room, and seeing Mrs. Pearce's handbag lying on the table, yielded to temptation and opened it. She took out a wallet and saw inside £5 in notes, which she took home. She was very sorry for what she had done and was willing to pay it back.

To Repay Her Husband.

D/C Hopper said he recovered £4 10s. from a box in which Mrs. Emery had placed it. She said "I took it to replace money I had borrowed from my husband."

In reply to a magistrate, defendant said she had two children, who were evacuated.

Chief Inspr. Butcher said defendant asked that a further case of stealing £4 10s. from Mrs. Pearce between 1st May and 30th June should be taken into account. Defendant's husband was employed at some local flour mills and the wife stated that he earned about £3 8s. a week. Defendant had never been in trouble before and it seemed rather a sad case. The police had made enquiries to try and find out why she should have stolen the money and the only conclusion they could come to was that she had not enough to live on. There was no desire to dress up, or drink, or anything like that.

In reply to a question, defendant said she and her husband had to pay 8s. a week for the children who were evacuated.

Replying to the chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry), Inspr. Butcher said none of the £4 10s. previously stolen had been recovered. The total sum not accounted for was £5.

The chairman announced that defendant would be bound over for two years under the supervision of the Probation Officer, in the sum of £5, and during that time would have to repay the £5 she had stolen.

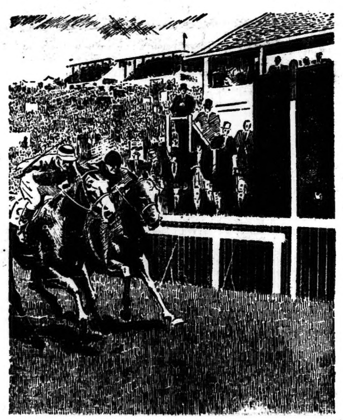
BUFFS CASUALTIES

N.C.Os. and men of The Buffs Regiment reported in a War Office casualty list to have been killed are Corpl. H. Kemsley, A/L/Corpls. J. J. Hendon and E. F. Penfold, and Ptes. E. J. Clee, V. J. Milham and J. W. Vaughan.

BUFFS PRISONERS

Buffs n.c.os. and men reported in a War Office casualty list to be prisoners of war are L/Sergts. C. E. Vernall and C. F. West, L/Corpl. L. W. Rumble, Ptes. J. Fenton, A. Hoyle and J. F. Joynson.

We fight for the day...



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PRISONER FOR A WEEK

RAMSGATE MAN'S ADVENTURE

Pte. P. A. Brough, son of Mr. Paddy Brough, of 36 Allenby-road, Ramsgate, has been a prisoner of war but only for a week.

While serving in the Middle East, Pte. Brough, whose father is a Corporation employee well known for his prowess in darts tournaments, wrote in a letter to his mother:

"I have a little excitement to tell you now. Since I have been out here I've travelled thousands of miles and to top it all I became a prisoner of war, but am glad to say it was for one week only. I am pleased to say I'm safe and well and back with my unit again."

With his letter Pte. Brough enclosed a copy of "The Message," a poem written by a comrade, which reads:

Here in the desert, midst the sand and blood,
The soldier bravely struggles on,
His lot is one which is, in common good,
To rid the world of the Devil's son.

But whilst he fights with all his will,
And hardly stops for rest,
His heart is with his loved ones still;
A message he sends, with zest.

It is Good Health to all, Good Cheer,
Till Peace shall reign once more;
Keep smiling through the coming year,
There are happier days in store.

H. LANCASTER.

Permission to Volunteer.—Mr. J. Tabrett, storekeeper in the Margate Surveyor's Department, has been given permission to volunteer for service in H.M. Forces prior to being called up.

ELLINGTON BRITISH RESTAURANT

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TO meet the needs of workers who are engaged outside the Borough and who cannot attend the mid-day sessions, the above restaurant will open from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, the 10th September, for a period of a fortnight.

The continuation of this later session during the winter months will depend upon the demand as shown by the numbers who attend during the first fortnight.

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H. G. CURTIS
Town Clerk.

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ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR

BY virtue of the Local Elections and Register of Electors (Temporary Provisions) Acts, 1939/40, the election to fill the vacancy in the office of Councillor for the Pierremont Ward of the Urban District created by the death of Mr. J. A. Forde, will be made by the Urban District Council.

Any organisation or individual desirous of nominating any person to fill the vacancy is requested to send, in writing, the name, address and description of such person to the under-signed before the 27th September, 1941.

E. F. OWEN
Clerk of the Council.

Pierremont Hall,
Broadstairs.
9th September, 1941.

BLACK-OUT TIMES

To-day	... 8.0	p.m.—5.56	a.m.
Wednesday	.. 7.57	p.m.—5.58	a.m.
Thursday	... 7.55	p.m.—6.0	a.m.
Friday	... 7.53	p.m.—6.1	a.m.
Saturday	... 7.51	p.m.—6.3	a.m.
Sunday	... 7.49	p.m.—6.4	a.m.
Monday	... 7.47	p.m.—6.6	a.m.

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21	1/9	2/9	3/6	6/-	11/-	18/-	33/-
24	2/-	3/-	4/-	7/-	13/-	21/-	39/-
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36	3/-	4/6	6/-	11/-	18/-	33/-	54/-

SITUATIONS VACANT

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BARMAID wanted, evenings only.—Apply, Duke of Kent, Ramsgate. 48

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FLATS to let, superior neighbourhood; two bedrooms, sitting-room, kitchen, bathroom; gas, electric; 15/6 and 17/6.—Warren, Auctioneer, Ramsgate. †54

BACKBONE OF WAR SAVINGS

Paying tribute to the voluntary secretaries of war savings groups, Lord Kindersley, president of the National Savings Committee, said "group saving is the backbone of our movement and as the membership is increased and new groups are formed, the solidarity and the steadiness of weekly savings must increase.

"The group saver is a regular weekly saver, whereas the lone saver is a much more uncertain quantity and has not the advantage of stimulus by a secretary or collector. The great possibilities in the future still rest with the street group. This is making considerable headway and must be largely increased for it is through this medium that practically every member of the community can be tapped."

NO CONCHIES IN RAMSGATE A.R.P.

After considering a circular pointing out that it would be in accordance with Government policy that local authorities should not in future refuse to accept as volunteers for Civil Defence persons who hitherto, by reason merely of their conscientious objection to military service, have been regarded by them as unsuitable, the A.R.P. Committee of Ramsgate Town Council state that they have no knowledge of any conscientious objectors employed in any of the Civil Defence Services in the borough.

OUR COMPLETE SHORT STORY

THE MAN WHO DIED TWICE

By ARTHUR CATHERALL

"Granite" Maclane heard the news the moment he entered the little frontier town, and he hurried off at once to confirm it and get details. He was dirty, unshaven, weary from seventeen days spying in the wilderness of the Afghan border country. He was an Afridi in everything but the steely blue of his eyes.

His whispered "K.P.7" gained him admission to the man who, unseen, controlled the invisible force which was always at work over the border, in the bazaars, everywhere, fighting to maintain the peace in the North-West frontier country of India.

Five years Maclane had worked there, and had proved himself a man in ten thousand; he was a mystery, making friends with none save the man whose name was now on the lips of the little white community, Tony Ferrier.

"How is Tony?" Maclane asked when he was seated.

"Bad," the man behind the desk said quietly. "He will get better . . . if his wife is found in time. You know the story?"

"Part," Maclane said. He spoke that way, clipped, terse, using only necessary words. Behind his grim unfriendliness, so the wise ones said, was the tragedy of a woman. But then all tragedies with men are attributed to women.

"He returned from his 'home' furlough last night. He's been married, and his wife was with him. His bungalow was entered, his wife kidnapped, and he himself stabbed. As far as we can tell, from his brief periods of consciousness, they were Afridis. Three of 'em."

"I'll get her," Maclane said quietly, "if she can be got."

The man behind the desk nodded. Nobody questioned, or talked to "Granite" Maclane. He always did what he said he would, never failed. He was like the nickname men had given him, stern, never unbending . . . save to one man, Tony Ferrier. Men wondered at the friendship, for Tony was happy-go-lucky, careless and carefree, the opposite to Maclane.

"Granite" waited three hours at the little hospital to speak to his friend. He had washed, and changed, so as not to shock the weak Ferrier. Tony's joy at sight of his friend was obvious.

"Maclane, oh, thank God you've come!" he babbled. "I want you."

"Steady, Tony," Maclane said, squeezing the trembling hand, and there was no granite in his tone now, only tenderness. "Any idea who they were I'm going after your wife."

Ferrier frowned as he tried to concentrate. He was very weak.

"Adam Khel Afridis, Jim, they were. They've had it in for me since I helped jug their chief two years ago. Waited their chance. You'll find her, Jim, won't you?" there was pathetic hopefulness in his voice. "You'll like her, Jim. She's different. You won't despise her. She'll . . . she'll . . ." Then he was off again, babbling in a weak voice, lost in the throes of delirium.

Maclane held his hand for a moment in silence, then left the ward. His face was grim, his eyes chilly. He was "Granite" again.

"What's his chance?" Jim "Granite" Maclane asked the Sister.

She shrugged her shoulders, a sad smile on her face.

"He'll recover, sir . . . if his wife can be brought to him in time to save his reason. Worry and a bad wound never did help a man to get well."

"Damn women," Maclane muttered as he went out into the soft warm night, "there's always hell and heartbreak for men when they are about," then he laughed bitterly, a cynical, scornful laugh, a laugh directed against himself. "You're talking like a fool, Maclane. You, 'Granite,' who isn't supposed to have a heart."

On the Scent.

He went into the little town again. Two hours later three men took the road north. They were wild-eyed Afridis, carrying rifles, each with a little sack. Only one of them, if examined in the light, would have shown steely blue eyes. No Afridi ever had blue eyes. That man was Maclane, his two companions were trusted men of the force. Punjabis, the sworn enemies of the Afridi.

At the end of a week they picked up the scent. Sifting news gleaned dangerously they finally located the missing woman. She was held prisoner in the village of Gopal Das. Maclane's eyes brightened. He knew Gopal Das, his ways and his weaknesses. It was Maclane's job.

"To-morrow night I shall bring out the woman," he said to his companions. "Thou, Ram Saj, will go back and warn the soldiers. Tarry not. Thou, Jora Suttee, will wait outside the village after nightfall to help me with the woman. Bring two rifles."

Without another word he started off towards the almost impregnable mountain fastness of Gopal Das. Maclane carried a string bag in which was a red cockerel. The rifle he carried was a fairly recent army issue. Tucked away unseen was an automatic. The life of no man was safe except he proved himself a hard man to kill in the Afridi country. Maclane was smiling grimly to himself as he saw the watchman on the little stone tower stir himself at sight of the approaching stranger.

"The pitcher goes to the well again," Maclane muttered grimly, as he watched the rifleman cover him. "This time for a woman . . . I hope the pitcher won't be broken."

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The Fighting Cockerel.

Singing a song which extolled the bravery of the cockerel he carried, Maclane approached the gate. Scowling Afridis surrounded him there, and the guard, with a sneer on his face, asked:

"What child is this who comes unbidden to our gate? Who art thou, chicken?"

Maclane sneered back. He swung the service rifle almost under the speaker's nose.

"Does a chicken carry a rifle of the Raj? Or does a child own a cockerel such as I own . . .? One that has never been beaten!"

A chuckle of approval ran round the ring of men. Two things they liked—a brave man, and a fighting cockerel. The guard scowled.

"Chickens should not carry guns," he snarled. "I will take thine, lest thou damage thyself," and he made a grab at the rifle.

"Take the gun," Maclane snapped, and the barrel mouth smacked hard and true against the hillman's jaw, sending him reeling, spitting blood and broken teeth. "What, dost not want it?" Maclane asked, and his gun muzzle now pointed at the cursing hillman's stomach, and his finger played round the trigger guard.

There was a roar of laughter from the men, and "Granite" Maclane knew he had won the first round. He was admitted, and after answering a lot of questions, was allowed to eat a meal. His handsome cockerel provoked much comment, and there was promise of sport on the morrow. The Afridi loved cockfighting as the British miner loves whippet and pigeon racing.

All the next day Maclane listened, looked, and watched his splendid little cockerel fight for its life against the cockerels of the hillmen.

By dusk he had decided where the woman was kept. She was prisoner in a little cave, before the door of which a guard sat all through the day.

An hour past midnight Maclane stirred cautiously. No mouse ever moved as quietly as he. His life was in his hands.

The man guarding the cave never knew what hit him. "Granite" Maclane never hit twice. The haft of his knife was heavily loaded, the copper top guaranteed to act swifter and more surely than the finest chloroform.

Unbarring the door he entered. He spoke in English, as he heard a faint rustle.

"I am a friend. Are you Mrs. Ferrier?"

There was a startled gasp from the darkness. A voice which struck deep into Maclane's past answered eagerly.

"Yes . . . yes . . . thank Good you've come . . . I was almost going crazy. Have the soldiers come?"

In the darkness Maclane stiffened.

My God, it couldn't be! It couldn't! Then he pulled himself up with a jerk. He was forgetting the danger. "Are you tied up?"

"Feet, and one hand to a ring in the wall," the woman answered, a sob in her voice. "Tell me . . . is Tony alright?"

"He'll get better," Maclane snapped, and produced a small torch. He shone the beam on the woman, busied himself in cutting her bonds. A stray beam lit up his face for a moment. Maclane stopped as he heard the woman gasp, clapped a hand to her mouth.

"What's wrong?" he hissed harshly, but he knew even as he spoke what had happened.

"Jim . . . Jim Sands. But you're dead! Oh, it can't be true! You are dead!" Then she clutched him frenziedly. "Does . . . do you know Tony well?"

"I'm known as Jim Maclane up here," Maclane said bitterly, "and . . ." Then he stopped, shook the woman harshly as she began to sob. "Silence, do you want to bring them all? Do you want to die?"

"Does it matter?" she asked after a moment, her voice lifeless. "Oh, dear God, what have I done to deserve this? Tony worships you, what will he say when he knows that you are my husband . . . even though I did think you were dead. It will break his heart." She began to sob quietly.

"Did you weep when you broke mine?" Maclane asked bitingly as he finished cutting her bonds. "Come on, we've got to get out of here."

Stifling her sobs, Mrs. Ferrier followed him out into the warm starlit night. Maclane produced a silken rope from around his waist. He secured one end of this to a spar which stuck out of the wall surrounding the village. The free end he flung over the wall. His eyes darted a keen gaze every few seconds to the guard dozing atop of the watch tower. If that man saw them . . .

"I go . . ." he said, handing her the rope. "Lie flat on the top. Then when I'm over I'll help you down." He pushed her up, and she played her part well, struggling up the nine foot wall. Maclane followed her with an easy grace.

Discovered.

When he slid over the other side Lady Luck deserted him. His foot touched a loose stone. It rolled a yard, making a clatter. The guard on the tower came to swift wakefulness. His hawk-keen eyes scanned the wall, perceived the dark blotch against the white stones. He levelled his rifle, and fired.

Crack! Shoot first, question after, is the hillman's motto. The home-made bullet whistled not six inches over Mrs. Ferrier's head. She winced, but choked back the scream. She was brave.

"Got to run," Maclane snapped as he grabbed her arm. There was little need for urging. The racket inside the little stone walled hill village told its own tale. The gate watch was shouting, and shooting. Men were roused, and the stunned guard was quickly discovered. The curses, and hasty opening of the main gate, told of tempers wild at the thought of losing their prisoner.

The hour which followed was agony indeed for the woman. Maclane forced her to run when even her terror-filled heart could no longer force her leaden legs to work. With lungs aflame and head swimming she was dragged along the boulder strewn hillside.

"Granite" was Maclane's nickname, and he lived up to it that night. When she could no longer carry on he half carried her, and when they met the patiently waiting Punjabi the two of them helped the half fainting woman up to a cave in the hillside, there to wait for the dawn, and the search which was sure to follow.

Helen Ferrier, after a swoon-like sleep, woke when the sun was high in the sky, and she peered out from the cave opening to see splotches of grey about the hillside. The hillmen were searching industriously, and like well trained hounds on a hot trail they were drawing steadily nearer.

"Can't we get away?" she asked. Maclane seemed not to have heard her. He stared with unseeing eyes over the purple haze which topped the peaks of the Kush. She repeated her question, this time a little defiantly.

Maclane turned to her. His face seemed to have aged a score of years in the night. It was haggard, and the eyes were those of a man in hell.

"Helen, do you realise what will happen if we do get away? Good God, woman, haven't you done enough mischief? You wrecked my life, taught me in a short eighteen months what a damn fool I'd been to marry you. If we go back . . . you smash every ideal Tony Ferrier ever had. Can't you see what it'll mean to him to find out that he's bigamously married the wife of his best friend."

"It was your fault," she flared back. "We got word that you had been drowned in a boating accident off the Cape. Besides, I love Tony . . . I never loved you. You know why I married you. How could I guess that the 'Granite' Maclane Tony talked so much about was the Jim Sands whom I had married seven years before. It was your fault," she finished angrily.

Prrt! With a shrill clang a bullet richochetted round the cave, leaving a silver streak of lead on the first stone it struck.

"Sahib, they have seen us," the solemn faced Punjabi muttered as he quietly lay down, and jerked a brass jacketed cartridge into the breech of his rifle, and squinted along the sights.

"Thank God for that," Maclane said wearily. "They'll wipe out the whole stain," and he picked up his automatic.

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Silence then, save the occasional whip-like crack of the dour Punjabi's rifle, and the shattering splash of lead whipping round the cave. There are few men to equal the keen eyed hillmen when it comes to handling a rifle, and keeping out of sight.

The sun dipped slowly behind the peaks, the sky was a blaze of glory. "Granite" Maclane seemed to have forgotten what had been said so bitterly earlier on.

"You'll never see another sunset like this, Helen," he said. "At least, I hope not. Only in these hills do you get the effect as we can see it now. You mustn't come into the hills again. You'll have no Maclane to get you out next time."

Helen Farrier stared at him in silence. Then as the import of his words struck her, a light of hope grew in her eyes.

"Shall we get out, then?"

"You will, all . . . Ah!" A bullet had smashed into the darkening cave again, Maclane gasped, and rolled over. the Punjabi was at his side at once.

"Sahib, you are wounded?"

"Lie down, you fool," Maclane snapped, his voice steady again, "you have work to do. I didn't intend leaving this cave, anyway. As soon as it goes dark, properly, they'll rush us. You've got to get away with the woman."

"But you, sahib." There was a quiver in the Punjabi's voice.

"I stay here," Maclane said grimly. "I'll keep them occupied, keep them thinking we are still here. Better get ready. Leave your rifle, and take my pistol. Get down into the pass. The soldiers should be along by daybreak."

Rolling over on to his stomach he picked up the Punjabi's rifle. Silently the turbanned native took the automatic, motioned to the woman. Outside it was growing very dark. The flashes of the rifles had almost ceased. The Hillmen were crawling nearer.

"Sahib, I loved thee," the Punjabi said solemnly. "May thy soul rest with the gods thou lovest. Goodbye." He drew himself stiffly to attention, saluted. Maclane half raised himself, saluted in return.

"Jim, we can't leave you like this," Helen Ferrier said a sob in her voice. "Can't you move at all? Surely we . . ."

Maclane interrupted her. There was a new found quality of gentleness in his voice.

"Helen, I couldn't move, anyway. When you get back remember 'Granite' Maclane as the man your husband knew. Forget Jim Sands who was your husband. That's all I ask. It's best. Tony Ferrier gave me a friendship I couldn't forget. I . . . goodbye, Helen."

She bent and kissed him. Then led by the Punjabi they left the cave, while "Granite" fired across the rock strewn ground in front, covering their movement.

His firing delayed the final rush for fifteen minutes. At the end of that time the last brass jacketed cartridge was spent.

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Six months later a grey-haired man wandered across the border of Afghanistan into India. He limped, and there was a newly healed bullet scar on his ankle.

Turning over the files of a newspaper he read of the death of James Maclane, killed while rescuing Mrs. Helen Ferrier. She and the Punjabi had got away, to meet the soldiers next day in the pass.

The grey-haired man smiled sadly.

"Once I died to forget her. Then I died so that she could forget me, and make Tony happy. I saved my life back there by pretending I was mad . . . Afridis revering the 'afflicted of Allah.' But I think I'm mad just the same."

But the hardness had gone out of his eyes, he was no longer "Granite." Helen's kiss of gratitude had taken the stone out of his soul. She had given him a third life and a sane outlook.

[THE END]

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

ALDERMEN ON PARADE

ONLY ONE ABSENTEE AT RAMSGATE

There was only one absentee from the aldermanic bench—Alderman L. F. Davey—when Ramsgate Town Council met at Clarendon House on Thursday.

In addition to the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), who presided, other aldermen present at the meeting were J. J. White, W. T. Smith, R. J. Mallam, T. W. Mockridge, C. R. Woodhams and A. E. Petley.

Alderman W. T. Smith was attending his first meeting for three months owing to a serious illness, and Alderman Mallam was paying a visit to the town for the day.

The Mayor said he was sure the members would wish him on their behalf to extend a welcome back to Alderman Smith, who was looking as well as possible under the most trying circumstances. He wished also to welcome Councillor Turner, who already had done good work as a member of the Council.

Alderman Smith said he hoped, following another overhaul, to be back permanently among them.

Councillor Turner assured the members that he would do all in his power to assist the work of the Council.

COUNCIL OF READERS

BARLEY FOR BEER

Sir,—Mr. W. H. Stafford accuses the I.O.G.T. of quoting exaggerated figures regarding the amount of barley used in brewing. At I supplied these figures to the local branch may I be allowed to put Mr. Stafford right on this point.

The figure (11,600,000 cwts.) was taken from an estimate in the Brewing Trade Review, January, 1941, and subsequently proved to be a considerable amount too little. Mr. Stafford quotes Hansard as giving the amount of barley used for brewing last year as 9,857,870 cwts. If Mr. Stafford studies Hansard a little more closely, he will find that this figure is for barley malt, **not** barley. Barley loses 25 per cent. of its bulk when converted to barley malt so Hansard's figure represents over 13 million cwts. of actual barley.

It will be seen from this that the figure quoted by the I.O.G.T. lodge was 2¼ million cwts. too little. This however, is in line with our usual policy. We know that the scientific and statistical evidence is so overwhelmingly on our side, that we have no need to exaggerate, and when two sets of figures are available, we prefer to take the lesser one.

W. E. ARNOULD TAYLOR,

59 Blenheim-avenue,
Chatham.

THEY WANT ARM CHAIRS

Sir,—In a recent issue of your paper a letter appeared from Capt. H. H. C. Baird appealing for the gift or loan of arm chairs for rest centres in the Sandwich area.

Here in Broadstairs we have a united churches canteen which is much appreciated by the men, but the two rest rooms in connection with it would be greatly improved if a few arm chairs could be provided. Those of the basket type seem most suitable but they must not be too large.

If any of your readers have a chair of this character they cared to give or loan we would be pleased to collect it or it could be left at the canteen in York-street and would be duly acknowledged.

While expressing the hope that Capt. Baird may get all he needs for the Sandwich area, we also hope that Broadstairs may not be forgotten.

C. H. BAILEY,
President.

W. LOMAX MACKENZIE,
Chairman of Committee.

United Churches Canteen,
York-street,
Broadstairs.

MORLEY—TUFFILL

MARGATE COUPLE MARRIED AT READING

The wedding took place at St. Peter's, Caversham, Reading, on 30th August, of Mr. Lewis Morley, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Morley, of Morley's Private Hotel, Sea View-terrace, Margate, and Miss Eleanor Mary Tuffill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Tuffill, of St. Anne's-road, Caversham, and The Haven, Tivoli Park-avenue, Margate.

The bride is an old girl of Clarendon House School and the bridegroom, who is engaged on war work at Reading, was a drum-major in the Margate Boys' Brigade before the war.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a gown of white silken lace, with yoke neckline, tight-fitting corsage and sleeves, and full skirt, falling into a train. Her embroidered veil was surmounted by a circlet of orange blossom and her shower bouquet was of pink malmaisons.

The bridesmaids, the Misses Marggaret Wyatt, Wendy Pool and Aileen Fright, wore full-skirted "Snow White" frocks of delphinium blue crepe de chine, with cyclamen bow headdresses to match the ribbon trimming at the neck, and carried Victorian posies of matching colours.

The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. W. F. Wood and the best man was Mr. Kelvin Morley, brother of the bridegroom.

PLOUGHING UP JACKEY BAKER'S

TO SAVE THE AIRPORT

In an effort to preserve Ramsgate Airport, in view of the large expenditure which has been incurred upon it and the anticipated post-war need for civil aerodromes, Ramsgate Town Council have agreed to cultivate approximately 24½ acres of Jackey Baker's recreation ground in addition to the area of the recreation grounds already under cultivation.

The offer has been accepted by the Kent War Agricultural Committee, which wanted to bring the airport under cultivation, provided that small triangular outlying portions of the aerodrome, comprising approximately 10 acres, are also brought under cultivation.

Ramsgate Airport Ltd. being in agreement with the proposal, the Council have also approved it.

The War Agricultural Committee, of which Lord Northbourne is the area representative, have also accepted the suggestion of the Council that the land at Jackey Baker's should be cultivated as a market garden primarily for the purpose of supply Ramsgate's British Restaurants.

As a subsidy of £2 per acre will be allowed in respect of the land to be ploughed, a tractor plough and implements are to be purchased from a Canterbury firm for £257 10s.

A CRETE CAPTIVE

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ledger, of The Elms, Sarre, are anxiously awaiting a letter from their son, Bdr. Douglas Ledger, R.A., who is believed to have been taken prisoner in the Battle of Crete.

Bdr. Ledger, who was mobilised with the Territorial Army shortly before the outbreak of war, went to the Middle East in December and was posted as missing from 2nd June.

Mr. and Mrs. Ledger have now had a letter from an old school friend of Bdr. Ledger saying that he saw him in Crete, a prisoner.

Mr. Ernest Ledger was formerly racing manager at Dumpton Park greyhound racecourse and is at present an official at Wembley Stadium.

CAPTIVE IN MIDDLE EAST

Reported missing in the Middle East in June, Pte. A. R. L. (Bob) Campbell, The Buffs, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Campbell, formerly of Margate, has written to his parents to say he is a prisoner of war at Bengasi, and is in good health.

CROSSING THE LINE

PTE. GEORGE MEETS FATHER NEPTUNE

Pte. Clifford George has discovered that war has its lighter side.

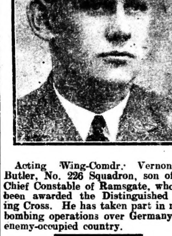
A son of Mrs. A. George, of Ramsgate, at present living at Wendover, Bucks., he has written home an amusing letter describing his experiences while crossing the line.

"I was one of the 'fortunate' ones to be picked by Father Neptune for a ducking," he says. "Firstly, we paraded on deck and Father Neptune and his staff of mermaids came snooping round for likely victims. Probably as I am a bit tall his eyes fell on me and after he had poked me with his fork I was seized by a burly sailor with a nice ginger beard which had been dipped in boot polish to make things in a mess. He carried me into the Court of Neptune for registration and from there to the tank where the dirty work is done. The barber was just about to start work on me when some more burly hands pushed me into about five feet of water reeking with the smell of fish, boot polish and ropey odour, leaving me to get out of the tank the best way I could, with a result better imagined than described. It is supposed to be a great honour—at least that's what they said."

Another experience of a different kind he describes is a tropical storm. "The English type is nothing compared with it. At times it was apt to get frightening as the lightning seemed too near to be comfortable, but nevertheless it was only short."

The entertainments presented by the officers produced some good talent, and in his letter Pte. George also mentioned that Hoare, who will be remembered well by sportsmen as a member of the old Ramsgate Grenville F.C., is in the same section as himself.

D.F.C. FOR BOMBING LEADER



Acting Wing-Comdr. Vernon S. Butler, No. 226 Squadron, son of the Chief Constable of Ramsgate, who has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross. He has taken part in many bombing operations over Germany and enemy-occupied country.

THREE BALLOTS

TO ELECT ONE COMMITTEE

It was not until a third ballot had been taken, and much paper had been used, that Ramsgate Town Council on Thursday were ablel to elect a Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee is the body responsible for making recommendations for the constitution of the standing committees of the Council.

After the first ballot had been taken the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe) announced that Aldermen T. W. Mockridge, A. E. Petley, C. R. Woodhams and J. J. White and Councillors S. E. Austin, C. R. Farnsworth, W. Hawkins, F. C. Miller, Harcourt Samuel and A. R. Young had been elected and there was a tie for 11th place between Alderman W. T. Smith and Councillors W. L. Knibbs, W. G. Love and P. Turner.

Alderman Smith announced his withdrawal and a second ballot was then taken.

After fresh paper had been distributed and the vote taken the Mayor announced a dead-heat between Councillors Knibbs and Turner.

Councillor Turner offered to withdraw but the members decided to ballot again.

Once again papers were distributed and Councillor Knibbs was the final choice for the 11th place.

TO ASSIST POLICE

ACCUSED YOUTH RELEASED ON BAIL

At the request of the police, bail was allowed when Alfred Edward Warren, aged 17, of All Saints'-road, Margate, who had been in custody for a week, was charged on remand at Margate police court on Wednesday with breaking and entering Greyfriars, Sea-road, Westgate, on 6th August, and stealing three South African notes, the property of Mr. Wesley Lambert, C.B.E.

Asking for a further remand for a week, the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said it would be of assistance to the police if Warren were released on bail.

Mr. Lambert, now living at Bournemouth, said at the request of the police he visited Greyfriars the previous day and found two or three rooms in disorder. A wireless set and an extension ladder for reaching the loft were missing. A bureau in the billiards room had been forced open and he valued the missing articles, including the notes, at £10.

Warren said he did not know anything about the ladder, but he thought he might be able to help the police.

The Chief Constable said Warren had promised to assist the police if he could and it would be more convenient if he was in the town rather than on remand at Maidstone.

Warren's father was entered as surety.

TWO BANDS AT RAMSGATE BALL

Two bands will provide the music at the military ball to be held at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Thursday next under the guarantee of the Mayor in aid of his Services Comforts Fund.

Fred Hargraves' Knights of Swing, augmented for the occasion, will play from 9 p.m. until midnight. The Q band will play from 8 to 9 p.m. and from midnight until 1 a.m.

Special novelty and spot prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served until 12.30 a.m.

The admission charge is 2s. 6d. and members of the Forces under commissioned rank will be admitted on payment of 1s. 6d.

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HE IS FIRE-WATCHING

FIRST SUMMONS DISMISSED

As he had since complied with a further order served on him, Margate magistrates on Wednesday dismissed the summons against Walter Edwin John Camfield, of St. Benet's-road, Westgate, for failing to carry out compulsory fire-watching duties.

At the previous hearing Camfield said he was fire-watching at his own house, which was also his place of business, and the premises would not be watched if he went elsewhere. The summons was adjourned to see if defendant could come to some arrangement with the Fire Prevention Officer.

On Wednesday the Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) said that following the previous hearing defendant was served with another notice requiring him to carry out compulsory fire-watching and as he was complying with the order issued by the Fire Prevention Officer it would not be necessary, in the circumstances, to proceed with the case.

The magistrates dismissed the summons on payment of 4s. costs.

CRICKET

RESCUE SQUADS GASSED

At Jackey Baker's recreation ground on 30th August, Ramsgate Gas and Water defeated the A.R.P. Rescue Squads at cricket by three wickets and 49 runs.

E. Norman (26) and C. Andrews (17 not out) made the best stand for the Rescue Squads, who were dismissed for 81.

The Gas and Water lost two wickets before scoring but B. Futter, who retired after compiling 53, and H. Matthews, who was run out after scoring 41, carried the team to victory, and C. Hurst followed up with 21 not out towards a total of 130 for 7 wickets.

A.R.P. Rescue Squads.

A. Moys, c Hurst b Goldsmith	0
A. White, c Bishop b Goldsmith	8
E. Norman, c Futter b Matthews	26
C. Andrews, not out	17
B. Andrews, b Goldsmith	2
W. Attwell, c Matthews b Goldsmith	6
T. Cavell, b Hurst	3
E. Brockman, b Hurst	0
S. Browning, c Ruthven b Hurst	0
J. Daisy, b Hurst	6
J. Todd, b Matthews	3
Extras	10
Total	81

Gas and Water.

C. Goldsmith, b C. Andrews	0
D. Thom, b B. Andrews	0
B. Futter, retired	53
H. Matthews run out	41
M. Thom, b C. Andrews	2
C. Hurst, not out	21
G. H. Ruthven, b White	1
L. Bishop, c C. Andrews b White	0
R. Markins, not out	3
Extras	9
Total (for 7 wkts.)	130

D. Cook and H. Pay did not bat.

VICAR IN FORM

Playing for Birchington against a Royal Artillery XI at Woodford House ground recently, the Vicar of Birchington, the Rev. N. M. Granville Sharp, scored 55 towards a total of 105 and helped to dismiss the Artillery XI for 38 by taking 6 wickets for 8 runs.

MORE TARGETS REACHED

RAMSGATE GROUP SAVINGS PROGRESS

A number of Ramsgate war savings groups have already reached their targets under the summer savings campaign.

Among the latest to do so is the Municipal Offices group, who have reached their £65 target for a parachute and mortar.

A new group has been formed this week at the St. Lawrence Laundry, whose objective is a Tommy gun (£30).

In connection with the Manston-road group (Miss P. H. Hallums, hon. secretary), an offer has been received to give a sixpenny stamp to every new member under the age of 20.

Membership of the Walter Mayes (Ramsgate) Ltd. group, of which Mr. E. E. Hedges is hon. secretary, has been extended to residents in the vicinity.

ELLINGTON OLD BOY MISSING

Son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Mills, of No. 66 Manston-road, Ramsgate, L/Bdr. Leslie Mills, R.A., has been reported missing since fighting in the Middle East on 2nd June.

An old boy of Ellington School, aged 21 years, L/Bdr. Mills was employed at Chislet Colliery when called up as a member of the Territorial Army shortly before the outbreak of war.

His wife, formerly Miss M. D. Warden, of Flora-road, Ramsgate, is now living at Rannoch Station, Perthshire.

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CHURCH LOSS

DEATH OF MRS. RAVEN

The funeral took place at Wincanton, Somerset, on Thursday, of Mrs. Margaret Maxwell Raven, widow of Dr. T. F. Raven, of Broadstairs, who died at The Batch House, Wincanton, last week, in her 90th year.

Mrs. Raven, who had lived for many years at The Coves, St. Peter's, was prominently connected with church activities both at Broadstairs and St. Peter's, and her passing will be mourned by a large circle of friends. A leader of philanthropic and church life in the district for over 50 years, she moved to St. Peter's from Barfield House, Albion-street, Broadstairs, after the death of her husband in 1903.

The beneficent influence which Dr. Raven and his wife exercised on the life of the community is now reflected in the work which is being carried on by their three sons, Hugh, Martin and Roger and their two daughters, Olive and Marjorie.

Nearly a year ago Mrs. Raven fractured a leg in a fall while living at Mortehoe, Devon, and it was after making good progress towards recovery that she was seized with the illness which resulted in her death.

By her special request there were no flowers at the funeral.

Helped at Dunkirk

DEATH OF MARGATE SEAMAN

A B Ernest Edward Parker, of The Roadstead, New-street, Margate, who, as a temporary member of the crew of Margate lifeboat helped in the rescue of 600 men from Dunkirk, has lost his life at sea.

Parker was serving on a merchant vessel torpedoed in the Atlantic in December. He was reported missing at the time and it has since been ascertained that only one boatload of survivors reached land.

Son of Mr. H. E. Parker, bowman of the lifeboat, Parker attended New Cross-street School. He joined the Royal Navy but was invalided out owing to throat trouble. After a year at home he joined the Merchant Service and for five years served with ships of the Everard line.

He was at home when the call came for the Margate lifeboat to go to Dunkirk and the offer of his services was accepted by his uncle, who is coxswain of the boat.

AFTER 25 YEARS

IRRECONCILABLE COUPLE

A Margate husband and wife, married 25 years ago, who had been unable to reach a reconciliation as suggested by the magistrates, again appeared at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Mrs. Eliza Hornall, who previously failed to obtain a maintenance order on the grounds of cruelty, alleged that her husband, Thomas Frederick Hornall, of Millmead-road, had deserted her.

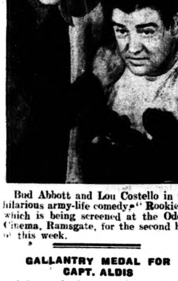
Hornall said his only income was £1 a week unemployment pay. He had not drawn any benefit for his wife, being told he could not do so as they were separated.

While the matter was being discussed, enquiries were made and the Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said he had ascertained that a wife's allowance was 10s. a week and was payable whether separated or not, provided it was passed on to her.

The magistrates accordingly made an order for the payment of 10s. a week.

Mr. E. C. Allfree, for Mrs. Hornall, explaining the efforts which had been made to effect a reconciliation, said it was alleged that defendant had threatened to murder his wife and she had to lock herself in her bedroom.

ROOKIES AT RAMSGATE



Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in the hilarious army-life comedy "Rookies," which is being screened at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, for the second half of this week.

GALLANTRY MEDAL FOR CAPT. ALDIS

A former harbour master at Margate and captain of the Queen of the Channel before the outbreak of war, Capt. Thomas Geoffrey Aldis, who was awarded the D.S.C. for his services at Dunkirk, has been awarded the Lloyds War Medal for gallantry at sea, together with two other members of the crew of a ship belonging to the New Medway Steam Packet Co.

When the medal was presented by the Mayor at Rochester, Capt. S. J. Shippick, managing director of the company, said the ship with which the deed was concerned, together with a sister ship, had done her job and would not be seen on the Medway again, but there were other ships of the company still doing good service for the country.

VICAR'S SOLICITORS

Write to the Editor

BISHOP AND THE PRESS

In connection with the request made to the Vicar of St. Peter's, the Rev. L. F. Hamel-Smith, to resign the living, Messrs. Kenneth Brown Baker Baker, solicitors, of Essex House, Essex-street, Strand, W.C.2, wrote to the Editor on Wednesday as follows:

The Vicar of St. Peter's.

The publicity which has recently been given to this matter in the local press renders it desirable that the true facts should be made known to every parishioner of St. Peter's.

The basic facts that our client, Mr. Hamel-Smith, is debarred from replying to his critics, and that the income of the benefice of St. Peter's is under the control of the Diocesan Emergency Committee and not of the parish, have hitherto been completely ignored by the persons leading the agitation against him, although both these facts were well known to them. It is right and fair, not only to Mr. Hamel-Smith, but also to the parishioners, that certain further facts, which the documents before us conclusively prove, should also be known to the parishioners, particularly as Mr. Hamel-Smith was not offered the opportunity of conferring with the Parochial Church Council before either of the meetings at which this subject was discussed were held.

Keeping it Quiet.

It was represented to the meeting held on the 7th July, 1941, that the Bishop of Dover had approved of the putting before the annual general meeting of the parishioners on the 22nd April the resolution calling on the Vicar to resign. This is untrue. So far from approving, the Bishop stated that he deprecated this course, pointing out to his interviewers that such a thing, if reported in the press, could only do harm to the Church in Thanet; and the Bishop asked them to try to arrange, if such a motion was brought forward, that it should not be made public in the newspapers.

It was represented that at the interview with the Bishop it was "decided" that the Vicar should do one of three things. It is not true that this meeting "decided" anything. It had no power to do so. What the Bishop said was that, if a resolution calling for the Vicar's resignation was passed, Mr. Hamel-Smith would be left with certain alternatives to choose from. It is not true that the Bishop suggested that the Vicar should grant a certain amount from his stipend to the parish.

Untrue Allegations.

It was further represented that Mr. Hamel-Smith had chosen to serve as a chaplain with H.M. Forces rather than remain as Vicar of the parish; that his income at the present time was about £1,300 a year; and that he "had received on account of the parish far more than he was returning." Every one of these allegations is untrue. Mr. Hamel-Smith, who had for many years been on the Territorial Army Reserve of Officers, was called up by the War Office on the outbreak of war. He was bound by law to obey this call.

In the beginning of May Mr. Hamel-Smith took steps to ascertain whether he would be permitted to relinquish his commission in order to return to the parish, and was informed that in his case there were no grounds on which a recommendation for the granting of such permission could be made.

Mr. Hamel-Smith's income as stated to the meeting was a gross exaggeration; moreover, he has been in receipt of a Senior Chaplain's pay only since the 1st April, 1941. He assisted in obtaining a grant of £40 through the diocese for the parish; he voluntarily relinquished his 1940 Easter offering, and the chaplaincy fees of the Tait Homes; and since his recent promotion he has given up all claim to churchyard and other fees in order that the parish may have the benefit of them. He is responsible for the stipend of the priest-in-charge, who, the Vicar's critics admit, has done, and is doing, admirable work. No part of this stipend is contributed by the parish.

It is difficult to see how, if Mr. Hamel-Smith were succeeded by a new Vicar, any financial benefit could accrue to the parish. Unless the new Vicar were possessed of private means, he would need all the depleted benefice income to live on, and, therefore, would not be able to devote any part of it towards the maintenance of the work of the parish.

Unwarranted and Unfair.

It was stated to the meeting that Mr. Hamel-Smith had chosen to leave an area which "had been prepared for battle, and a people who might at any moment be called upon to face the gravest crisis that had been presented to a man or woman within centuries." This suggestion is as unwarranted as it is unfair. The facts are that for the first 11 months of the war Mr Hamel-Smith was stationed on the south-east coast, and that he has since been serving in an area which has also been heavily bombed.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the information which was given to the 100 or so persons who were present at the meeting on the 7th July was widely inaccurate in many important particulars. We venture to think that it is a matter for regret that, notwithstanding the Bishop of Dover's special request that no proceedings relating to this matter should be reported in the press, particular effort appears to have been made to see that the proceedings at the meeting of 7th July should be so reported.

It will have been noticed that this meeting was held despite the fact that the Vicar was at the time in negotiation with the Diocesan Emergency Committee on the question of the benefice income as his letter read at the meeting makes clear.

Mr. Hamel-Smith has no desire to add to the publicity which has already been given to this unfortunate controversy but it is necessary that the information in this letter should be published in order that the true facts should become known to the parishioners of St. Peter's as a whole. For this reason we ask you to give to this letter the same publicity as was given in your columns to the report of the meeting itself.

MAYOR RALLIES HIS PEOPLE

FIGHTING SPEECH ON WAR ANNIVERSARY

A great rallying speech to his people was made by the Mayor of Ramsgate on the second anniversary of Great Britain's declaration of war against Germany.

The opportunity was provided for the Mayor, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, during an interval in an exhibition of films produced by the Ministry of Information which attracted a packed audience to the West Cliff Theatre on Wednesday evening. All branches of the Services were represented, Civil Defence uniform predominating, among those who had gathered to see "How Britain is Winning the War."

The Mayor captured the interest of the audience from the start when he remarked breezily "We have experienced the ravages of war in Ramsgate because we are collectors of bombs here."

Emphasising bluntly that this was "a bloody war," Alderman Kempe was cheered when he said "There is no man or woman here who would not be prepared to die for Ramsgate if it helped the country to win the war."

The Mayor received a big hand at the conclusion of a speech that appropriately rounded off a stimulating anniversary gathering of townspeople.

The Army Without a Uniform.

Although it did not include any of the Ministry's films dealing particularly with the gallant exploits of the R.A.F.—the organisers may rightly have considered that a Ramsgate audience were sufficiently informed on this aspect of the conflict—the programme vividly brought home the vast extent of the war effort Britain is making. Particularly impressive was the film "Behind the Guns," which graphically illustrated the work being carried on by the huge civilian army in the factories and workshops to produce the weapons needed by the fighting forces.

Another film showed the ack-ack guns in action by night. Commenting with good-humoured thrust upon this, the Mayor, in the course of his speech, said "When I saw the ack-ack guns in action I rubbed my eyes and said to myself 'Can this be Ramsgate by night?' We know these things cannot all come at once and we hope it will be a pleasure for the future.

A Straight Deal.

"Be that as it may," proceeded the Mayor, "we realise the difficulties our authorities are up against and we admire the great efforts they are putting forward for our country. It is our job to stimulate and help them in every way we can and endeavour to give them more power to their elbow."

Declaring that the aim of propaganda as he saw it should be to "kid the enemy" while keeping the public at home informed as fully as possible, the Mayor said he thought the authorities responsible in this country endeavoured to give the people a straight deal.

"We are up against one of the most unscrupulous enemies civilisation has ever faced," he said. "For every hit on the nose he gives we have got to give the blighter two. I am not one of those who believe in treating the war as game and fighting it with kid gloves. It isn't a game. It is a bloody war. We cannot afford to take anything lying down. We have to play him at his own game and play him hard, and if we do that we are bound to win."

Ramsgate's Share.

Coming to the local aspect of the situation after two years of war, the Mayor said "We have had to put up with a lot here. We have had our share but we do not mind and we are prepared for another basinful. There is no man or woman here who would not be prepared to die for Ramsgate if it helped the country to win. We are prepared to fight to the last ditch for our beloved country."

Declaring that Ramsgate had done its share, Alderman Kempe mentioned that a great proportion of the town's sons and daughters were on active service. The A.R.P. services had played their part from the early days of the war during the period of contraband control, when many maimed and wrecked seamen landed at the port received attention which had saved their lives. Nor would they ever forget the historic scenes associated with the evacuation of the heroes of Dunkirk, when 60,000 men came into Ramsgate harbour. Then the women of Ramsgate, stripping their larders, had rushed to the harbour, their aprons filled with food, and had raided their husband's wardrobes to supply the men with clothing. Money, too, was collected to provide them with cigarettes. "That is a memory I shall always treasure," said the Mayor.

Winning Spirit of Unity.

Describing Ramsgate's tribulations during air raids, the Mayor said "We have all been brothers and sisters and have tried to help each other. That is the sort of thing that is going to win this war—unity and a fellow feeling for the other person who is not as well off as yourself."

Remarking that in his capacity as Welfare Officer he had to find the money to provide means of entertainment for the troops, the Mayor said he did not get it from the War Office and had only been able to meet the men's needs through the kindness of the people of Ramsgate who had supported the various efforts he had made to raise the necessary funds.

"We are going to win this war," concluded the Mayor confidently, "because we have become a united nation. There never was a time when all parties were so united. It is 'England's party' now and in that spirit it is going to be a glorious finish for us."

CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR RESIGNS

Mr. Sydney D. Pallin, M.B.E., who was one of the first members to be co-opted on to Ramsgate Town Council under the special war-time legislation, has resigned his seat as a representative of the West Cliff Ward.

Mr. Pallin formerly served on the Council for a number of years, being first elected in November, 1931. He was the first chairman of the Contracts Committee.

During and after his period of Council service Mr. Pallin was hon. secretary of the Corporation annual open bowls tournament.

The Fire Guard

FIRE-WATCHING TO BE RE-ORGANISED

Fire-watching in respect of private houses and business premises is to be co-ordinated in order to secure adequate supervision.

The organisation will be known as the "Fire Guard" and will constitute part of the Civil Defence Service.

The War Emergency Committee of Ramsgate Town Council recently considered a letter from the Ministry of Home Security intimating that it had been decided to authorise the creation of new posts in the fire prevention organisation, which will form part of the general wardens' service.

Since the Fire Guard organisation will form part of the general Civil Defence Services, the Chief Warden will be responsible to the local authority for the proper organisation of the Fire Guards in their area and, in the discharge of the administrative duties arising out of the work, the Chief Warden will work in conjunction with the Fire Guard Staff Officer.

The committee have fully discussed with the Borough Engineer, as Fire Coordinating Officer (who in future will be known as the Fire Guard Staff Officer), and the Chief Constable, who is responsible for the Wardens' Service, the organisation outlined in the Ministry's letter.

New Appointments.

In determining the number of wardens to be posted to the Fire Guard, local authorities are asked to consider the promotion of serving wardens possessing the necessary qualifications and experience.

In order to put the scheme into operation in Ramsgate the Regional Commissioner has been asked to approve the appointment of:

One Fire Guard Staff Officer at the present salary of £150 per annum;

One Fire Guard Depot Superintendent at a wage of £5 a week;

One Head Fire Guard at a wage of £3 15s. per week;

Six Senior Fire Guards at a wage of £3 12s. 6d. per week, two of the senior Fire Guards being allocated to assist the Fire Guard Depot Superintendent.

It was recommended that the members of the War Emergency Committee (the Mayor, Alderman A. B. C. Kempe, Aldermen C. R. Woodhams and A. E. Petley, Councillors S. E. Austin and A. R. Young) should be appointed a special committee to administer and control fire prevention duties within the borough.

Pertinent Queries.

When the matter was considered at Thursday's meeting of the Council, Councillor W. Hawkins said the proposals were a surprise to most of them. He had been concerned at the delay in organising the fire-watchers and quite agreed that some scheme was necessary. One had now been propounded in London and sent down for adaptation to the local circumstances. Several queries arose and he was anxious to have information upon four points.

His first point, said Councillor Hawkins, was that no mention was made of co-ordination with the fire brigade service. Was the Fire Guard to be independent of the fire brigade or run in close co-operation with it? What was the precise relationship between the two?

His second point was whether it would mean new equipment or whether the stirrup pumps and sandbags already provided would be sufficient.

Thirdly, were the new officers to be recruited from the ranks of the Wardens Service? If they were he could see a very great danger. There was already an acute shortage of wardens and if the new officers were to be recruited from their ranks the difficulty would be accentuated.

Up Goes the Cost.

Finally, said Councillor Hawkins, no mention was made of the financial side. Was there to be a grant, and if so would it be 100 per cent.? The appointment of the new officers would increase the Council's salary list by £1,736 a year, quite apart from equipment, guard rooms and watch rooms.

The Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), who presided, said the matter was yet in its infancy and he thought it would be advisable for it to be referred to Council in committee, when Councillor Hawkins could have the data he wanted.

Councillor Hawkins said he would agree to that course.

Councillor F. C. Miller said he wished to move as an amendment that the Watch Committee should be substituted for the Emergency Committee as the body responsible for the scheme. For years past the Watch Committee had been responsible for matters appertaining to the fire service and he thought they were the proper body to accept the responsibility. The Government had relieved the Watch Committee of certain of their duties and they had plenty of time to devote to the matter. The Emergency Committee was appointed to deal with emergency matters and this was not an emergency matter in that sense of the word.

Councillor W. L. Knibbs seconded the amendment.

Appealing to the mover and seconder of the amendment to allow the whole matter to go back to Council in committee, Alderman T. W. Mockridge said if there was one thing lacking in the borough it was co-ordination. There was too much overlapping and red tape.

It was agreed that the matter should be referred to Council in committee.

LATE MEALS EXPERIMENT

As a test of the demand, Ellington British Restaurant, Ramsgate, will open from 5 to 7 p.m. for a fortnight from to-morrow.

A YEAR AGO

A curfew from 10.30 p.m. until half an hour before sunrise is now in operation in parts of Ramsgate, which mainly comprise the sea front. No person other than a member of H.M. Forces or a police officer on duty is allowed to be out of doors in any part of the area described in the schedule except for a purpose of immediate or urgent necessity.

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The Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons on Thursday that the Government would make grants to local authorities in "evacuation" areas to meet local government expenditure not covered by rates.

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Broadstairs Council are taking steps to secure Government help for residents and traders remaining in the district who are suffering as a result of the war.

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Ramsgate's first underground church was used for morning and evening services on Sunday. It is at St. George's, where the Vicar, the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, one of whose mottoes is safety first, has decided for the present to hold all services in the crypt.

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By the death on Friday of Father Thomas Elphege Power, O.S.B., in his 89th year, the community of St. Augustine's, Ramsgate, has lost its oldest member.

25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

We do not think Ramsgate Town Council will be accused of spending too freely when the report is read that new arrangements have been made in respect of the residence of the Chief of Police. The antiquated domicile in York-street was not suitable for the maintenance of the dignity of the official who has been forced to live there, whether he liked it or not, and for which he had to pay rent. It is much more satisfactory to learn that the building is to be put to other uses, and whilst it will probably be said of the new chief that his advent occasions some clean sweeping, there should be no objection to attack on the dusty corners of precedent.

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Described as the "greatest film in the world," the official motion pictures of the Battle of the Somme are being shown at the King's Theatre.

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Sincere sympathy will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright, of High-street, Ramsgate, in their anxiety concerning the fate of their elder son, Corpl. W. Leslie Wright, of The Black Watch, who is officially reported missing since 17th August. He is an old County School boy.

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Among the officers posted as missing is Lieut. C. Harland Skey, formerly of the 19th Royal Fusiliers and later attached to The Black Watch. Lieut. Skey, who is the eldest son of Col. E. O. Skey, J.P., of Margate, is vice-principal of Margate College. He was for some time a master at St. Lawrence College, Ramsgate.

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Second-Lieut. W. Martin Tomson, Royal Flying Corps, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Tomson, of Court Stairs, Pegwell, who, as previously reported, was brought down with his observer behind the enemy lines, has made a good recovery from his injuries. He has been transferred to an internment camp in the region of the Hartz Mountains.

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The death in action on 16th August is reported of Pte. C. A. Reid-Reeves, Royal Fusiliers, son of Mr. A. Norman Reeves, of Margate and High-street, Ramsgate.

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A raid in search of elusive conscripts was carried out by the military and police authorities among the performers and employees at Ramsgate houses of entertainment on Tuesday evening. There was a sequel at the police court to-day when a well-known music-hall artiste was charged as a member of H.M. Reserve Force with failing to report himself, as required by the Military Services Act, on 6th September. The case was dismissed when defendant said he was quite willing to put on khaki.

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Unexpected encouragement has come to the Ramsgate toy industry. Through the kindness and interest of Miss Stancomb-Wills, Her Majesty the Queen graciously expressed her willingness to inspect a box of specimens made by Ramsgate workers. They were accompanied to Windsor Castle by a dutiful letter, to which the Queen sent an appreciative reply stating that she would be pleased to purchase samples of the work.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

RAMSGATE RAILWAY TRAGEDY

Ramsgate is not prolific in railway accidents, and it is a matter for sincere congratulation that such is the case. We do not desire a similar experience to that of Monday night when one man was killed and five persons were injured. It appears to mark a climax, and to have opened people's eyes to a serious danger menacing the public safety, of which before they were only dimly conscious.

An excursion train travelled over the L.C.D.R. system to Ramsgate Harbour station on Monday morning. On discharging the passengers here the empty train was sent on to Margate, where more siding accommodation is available. It is understood that the train was timed to leave Ramsgate at 7.15 p.m. and at that hour crowds of expectant excursionists were on the platform ready to be entrained. They were doomed to witness a scene such as falls to the lot of few people in the course of a lifetime.

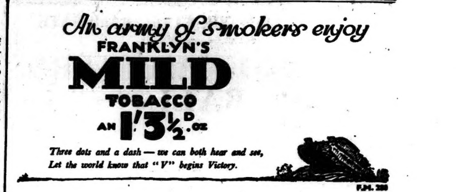
In the tunnel, the mouth of which yawns dark and wide a few hundred yards up the line from the station, the speed of all trains is considerably reduced in consequence of the gradient. In this case the rush through the tunnel must have been terrible. The engine was one of the most powerful belonging to the L.C.D.R. company and does not appear to have been connected with the vacuum brakes of its Great Northern train. Owing to the wet night the rails were also very slippery.

At all events the train appears to have gained considerable velocity and so great was the speed during the short intervening space between the tunnel and the station platform that people on the cliff above became apprehensive of the imminent danger and shouted to persons in the roadway below. This timely warning came not a moment too soon and those who heard it had barely time to save themselves when the powerful engine dashed through the wall and literally leapt across the roadway into the Harbour sawpit in the Pier Yard.

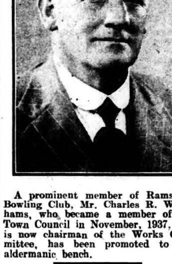
When the driver found his brakes would not work he leaped off the engine in company with the stoker on reaching the platform. The guard also leapt off, thus escaping instant death. Two carriages were telescoped and the one next to the engine was smashed to matchwood.

On the footway of the roadway leading to the sands a number of oyster, whelk and shrimp hawkers are privileged to ply their necessary vocation. Fortunately owing to the wet and stormy night several barrows had been shifted, and compared with the dense crowd of promenaders usually to be found at the spot there were very few people indeed.

James Grainger, a well-known hawker, was killed and five visitors were injured. A child of 18 months was flung from her mother's arms and the doll she had been holding was found under the engine in the sawpit.



A NEW ALDERMAN



A prominent member of Ramsgate Bowling Club, Mr. Charles R. Woodhams, who became a member of the Town Council in November, 1937, and is now chairman of the Works Committee, has been promoted to the aldermanic bench.

THE LADY EVE

FUN AND THRILLS AT KING'S

There is something to please everyone in the well-balanced programmes being presented at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, this week.

Bringing to the screen a cast of some of Hollywood's most popular comedians, "The Lady Eve" heads the bill for the first four days. Part of the story takes place on a palatial liner plying between North and South America, with Barbara Stanwyck portraying a card-sharper and Henry Fonda cast as a young millionaire heading for home after a South American scientific expedition. The film is full of hilarious situations contributed to by Charles Coburn, Eugene Pallette, William Demarest, Martha O'Driscoll, Melville Cooper and Eric Blore.

Keye Luke is introduced as a streamlined super-sleuth in "Phantom of Chinatown," which is also being shown.

More thrills are provided by "East of Piccadilly," starring Judy Campbell, Sebastian Shaw and Henry Edwards, chief feature for the second half of the week. The police are baffled by a series of motiveless murders which have been committed in Soho. The murders had two common features—the victims were all girls and each met her end by strangulation with a silk stocking tied in a hangman's knot. The story relates how Penny Sutton, attractive girl crime reporter, solves the mystery.

Entertainment of a lighter variety is provided by "Misbehaving Husbands," featuring Betty Blythe and Harry Langdon.

Included in the programme will be a remarkable little film, "Hands of Destiny," which deals with a palmist who has read the palms of most of the prominent people of the day, and provides an opportunity for observing prophecies based upon this art.

MR. AND MRS. MASSEY GO TO IT

After being engaged in an aircraft factory, Ivor (Bert) Massey, aged 36 years, of 28 Wellesley-road, Westgate, who has been injured in an air raid, answered an appeal for volunteers for the R.A.F. and is now serving as an aircraftman.

His wife, mother of five children, four of whom have been evacuated to Cannock Chase, has given a blood transfusion and is working in an aircraft factory.

"Who knows," she says, "those Margate policemen who are training as pilots may fly in a plane I have helped to make."

Mrs. Massey urges wives who are lonely, and mothers, too, to go to work for the Government. "It will help to win the war," she adds, "and will bring us back to Margate much quicker to settle in our homes with our little ones."

NO WISH TO BE LIKE FATHER

"I am very sorry to say, sir, I will do it again."

Pte. William Frost, aged 21, of Sydney-terrace, West Dumpton-lane, made this reply at Ramsgate police court on Tuesday when the chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that he would be remanded in custody until the arrival of an escort for being an absentee without leave from his regiment.

D/C Honey said that in company with D/C Oram he saw defendant in Dumpton Park that morning. After being cautioned defendant said "I shall do it again. I don't like the Army. I would rather do 12 months in prison."

When Mr. Perry said he was sorry defendant had given expression to such views, Frost said "Why should I do my bit? My father did his bit in the last war."

Volunteer Staff

COUNCILLORS ON DUTY AT THE LIBRARY

Members of Ramsgate Town Council serving on the Library Committee have agreed to form a rota to undertake the general oversight of the Public Library when the Librarian (Mr. B. C. Darbey) is called up for military service.

During the periods allotted to them they have agreed to visit the library at least once during each day.

As the committee do not consider the number of borrowers now using the library warrants the engagement of additional staff when Mr. Darbey leaves, Miss Joyce Redman, one of the two remaining temporary junior assistants, is to be appointed temporary acting Librarian and the caretaker, Mr. Foley, will be responsible for the general control of the premises.

During the absence or illness of Miss Redman or Mr. D. Clifton, the other member of the staff, Mr. and Mrs. Foley will be required to give such assistance as may be necessary in the lending department.

The chairman, Councillor W. Hawkins, and the vice-chairman, Councillor J. Martin, have been authorised to purchase books for the library during the absence of Mr. Darbey. The other members of the Library Committee are Alderman J. White, Councillors Dr. Crawford, Mrs. Dunn, F. C. Miller, Mrs. Nicholson and the Rev. Harcourt Samuel.

STORING WATER

COST OF SIX BASINS

Tenders received by Ramsgate Council from selected contractors for the construction of five static water storage basins—a sixth is to be constructed by direct labour—were very substantially in excess of the Borough Engineer's estimate.

As the Regional Commissioner's approval to the works was based on the Borough Engineer's estimate, he was consulted and it was agreed that the lowest tenderers should be asked to submit revised tenders allowing for deductions from the original tenders based on a reduction of £1 per thousand in the price of bricks and the retention of excavated material wholly or partially on ground adjoining each site except one where it is impossible, in the Borough Engineer's opinion, to allow excavated material to remain.

The revised tenders—three submitted by Grummant Bros. and the other two by Mr. J. B. Sharman and Mr. E. Martin—totalled £9,974 7s. 10d. instead of £11,068 and were accepted subject to the approval of the Regional Fire Brigades Inspector.

The Borough Engineer's estimate for the construction of the sixth basin by direct labour which has been increased from £995 8s. to £1,200, has been similarly accepted, making the total cost £10,974 7s. 10d., compared with an estimate of £7,431 4s. 9d.

The total storage capacity of the six basins will be 1,650,000 gallons and the cost of the work will average £6 14s. per 1,000 gallons capacity.

The work is expected to rank for 100 per cent. grant.

KIPPS

WELLS ROMANCE AT ODEON

Diana Wynyard and Michael Redgrave make a charming pair of lovers in the screen version of Mr. H. G. Wells' "Kipps," which heads the bill at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

This is not the Wells of vivid imagination or prophetic vision associated with "The Time Machine," "Invisible Man," or "The Shape of Things to Come," but a human, romantic, perhaps less familiar Wells of another day. Many people, in fact, think "Kipps" is actually the story of the author's own early life. It tells of the drapery store assistant who is left a fortune but returns to his first love and finds happiness even when his money has disappeared. Phyllis Calvert and Arthur Riscoe have strong supporting parts.

Glimpses of the Battle of the Atlantic are seen in "Merchant Seamen," which is also being shown.

The serio-comic battlers of stage and radio, Bud Abbott and Lou Costello share prominence with The Andrews Sisters, the boogie-woogie girls of rhythm, in "Rookies," the chief feature for the second half of the week. In this merry military musical there is also to be found Lee Bowman, recently opposite Lana Turner in a series of films, Alan Curtis and Jane Frazee, vivacious new film leading lady, who form a two-boys-and-a-girl romantic combination. In addition there is a whole galaxy of glamour girls. The girls revive an old number, "I'll Be With You in Apple Blossom Time."

It is impossible not to be thrilled by "The Terror," the best of all Edgar Wallace thrillers, which will be included in the supporting programme. A strong cast is headed by Wilfrid Lawson, Alastair Sim, Linden Travers and Arthur Wontner.

AN ALL-THANET CONFERENCE

On the advice of Capt. Balfour, the Thanet towns propose to hold a joint conference to consider the question of hardship caused locally by the demands upon property owners for insurance contributions under the War Damage Act.

The matter was first taken up by Broadstairs Council when Councillor B. J. Pearson, the chairman, moved a resolution expressing the opinion that in cases of difficulty payments should be suspended and made a charge upon the property until such time as it became productive again.

Margate Town Council, meeting in private on Tuesday, expressed themselves fully in sympathy with the principle of the resolution and decided to recommend that the three local authorities in Thanet should hold a joint meeting to consider the best action to take.

Ultimately, it is suggested, Capt. Balfour will be asked to head a deputation on the matter to put the case before the appropriate Government department.

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WERE THEY WORTH IT?

For stealing a box of cigars from a London shop, Raymond Emmanuel Bradford Young, aged 40, formerly a Congregational minister at Sandwich, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment at the West London police court on Tuesday.

Young admitted that in May, 1940, he was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment by Margate magistrates for a series of thefts and frauds.

REPLANNING

The Borough Engineer (Mr. R. D. Brimmell) has been instructed to submit to the Housing and Town Planning Committee of Ramsgate Town Council proposals for the replanning of areas where war damage has occurred.

NEWS OF THOSE ON SERVICE

Readers are invited to send to The Editor, "Advertiser & Echo," with a view to publication, details concerning Thanet men serving with H.M. Forces who become war casualties, and concerning whom official information has been received from the appropriate Service Department.

News of decorations awarded, promotions and other items of similar interest will be particularly welcomed.

The Editor also welcomes the submission of photographs, which will be published free of charge to relatives.

The "Advertiser & Echo" is pleased to undertake this service on behalf of the many Thanet people evacuated to other parts of the country, whom their local newspaper keeps in touch with their friends and events at home.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Ambulance Staff Officer.—The Ministry of Health have approved for a further six months the appointment of Mr. E. E. Waters as Ambulance Staff Officer to Ramsgate A.R.P. service.

Increase for Wardens' Clerk.—In view of the responsibility attaching to the post, the salary of the Wardens' Clerk in the Ramsgate A.R.P. Service is to be increased from £3 10s. to £4 a week.

More Pay for Wardens.—In accordance with the grade laid down by the Ministry of Home Security, Ramsgate Senior Wardens are to receive £3 12s. 6d. a week and Head Wardens £3 15s. a week.

Leave of Absence.—Leave of absence granted to Mrs. Hicks, manager of Ramsgate Town Council's Information Bureau, is to be extended for a further period of 12 months, and she is to be paid a weekly wage of £1.

Social Service Representative.—Councillor W. Hawkins has been nominated as Ramsgate Town Council's representative on the Kent Council of Social Service for a further period of one year.

When you are passing 47 Queen Street—pause, and just look in the window. The goods are very attractive and there may be the very thing you want. Apply at Prosser and Newbery, 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Funeral.—The funeral took place at Ramsgate Cemetery on Friday of Mrs. Edith M. Barnes, widow of Mr. William H. Barnes, who died at Hampton Court last week. Mrs. Barnes, who passed away peacefully, is survived by a family of three children.

Tunnel Canteens.—The establishment and control of canteens in Ramsgate's tunnel shelters have been added to the powers and duties of the Communal Feeding Committee, which will work in co-operation with the A.R.P. Committee in the matter.

Damaged Clothing.—Ramsgate Medical Officer of Health (Dr. J. V. Walker) has been authorised to settle claims submitted by first-aid personnel for compensation for damage to personal clothing sustained while handling casualties arising from enemy action at sea.

October Wedding.—The wedding will take place on 11th October of Jack Lynch Wright, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wright, of Stockbury, Sittingbourne, to Helen Ailsa Montgomery, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Montgomery, of Thorne, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives.—Whist Drives in aid of the Mayor of Ramsgate's Troops Comforts Fund are held at Clarendon House Gymnasium every Thursday at 7 p.m. Tickets 1s. Come and spend a pleasant evening in a pleasant hall.

Tunnel First-Aid Posts.—In the event of an emergency, additional medical aid posts are to be established in Ramsgate tunnel shelters near to the disused entrance from the Granville Hotel and at the junction of the Ellington-road and Cannon-road spurs.

Tunnel Barrier. — Ramsgate Town Council have approved in principle the provision of a gateway in place of the present barrier at the entrance to the dormitory section of the tunnel shelters, and a cubicle is to be provided for the use of Shelter Wardens during their meal times.

On the Maximum.—In view of the additional duties placed upon him in connection with plans for emergency feeding and the shelter canteens, the Manager and Organiser (Mr. R. Aiano) has been placed on the maximum of his agreed salary as from 1st September instead of waiting until the third Ramsgate British Restaurant is in operation.

Produce Sale.—A produce sale for the Mayor's Services Comforts Fund will be opened at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, on Saturday, 13th September at 3 p.m. by Lady Carson. Admission free. It is hoped that all who have produce in their gardens or allotments will send something to be sold for this most worthy cause.

Veteran Templar's Birthday.—Although he was unable to be present himself, the members of the Advance Lodge of Good Templars last week held a social at Ramsgate in celebration of the 87th birthday of Mr. E. Marsden. Mr. Marsden has been associated with the Templar movement for over 50 years, and the members sent him a greetings telegram.

A Patient's Gratitude.—During August Ramsgate General Hospital Extensions Appeal Fund, which now stands at £10,199 9s. 6d., received a gift of £2 from Mrs. M. J. Perry, of Dane-crescent, Ramsgate, sent in gratitude for treatment received at the hospital. Another August item was £3 from Mr. E. A. Priestley, being the fourth annual payment under a deed of covenant.

MINSTER

Salvage Committee.—Minster Council have formed a committee composed of the chairman (Councillor G. M. Norton) and Councillors Mrs. F. K. Harris, Father T. A. Keniry and the Rev. A. W. MacMichael to deal with the collection of bones, scrap iron, paper and other salvage.

War Graves.—Minster Council have agreed to a suggestion by the War Graves Commission that a special plot in the cemetery should be set aside for members of H.M. Forces losing their lives in the present war. The Commission suggested that a notice should be erected indicating the purpose of the plot.

Rationless Baby.—A case illustrating the inconvenience caused by the fact that the Registrar visits Minster only once a month was cited at a meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday. It was stated that, owing to illness and other circumstances, a mother whose baby was born last October would be unable to register the child until 20th September this year, when the Registrar pays his next visit. In the meantime the mother had been unable to obtain rations for the child.

SERGT. JIM MARTIN

Son of Mr. C. Martin, of Avebury-avenue, Ramsgate, Sergt. Jim Martin, R.A., previously reported missing since 2nd June, is now reported to be a prisoner of war.

THEIR UNKNOWN HERO

HE IS A RAMSGATE BOY

The gallantry at Dunkirk of Norman Joseph Read, son of Mr. Walter Read, of 38 Camden-square, Ramsgate, is recalled by a report in the national press that schoolchildren at Hailsham, Sussex, have an Unknown Hero to whom they want to make a presentation.

The children, it appears, have been saving money for the presentation but only know that their Hero was a boy of 15 who risked his life going backwards and forwards in a motor boat with his father to rescue stranded soldiers from the beaches at Dunkirk.

Fifteen years of age at the time, Norman Joseph Read accompanied his father and Mr. William Matthews to Dunkirk in the motor boat New Britannic, which before the war was a popular Ramsgate pleasure boat.

From Tuesday afternoon until Thursday morning young Read, a lad who stands 6ft. high, helped to ferry troops from the beach and harbour at Dunkirk to a waiting drifter. The New Britannic is licensed to hold 120 passengers but at times there were 200 on board at Dunkirk. Although they were bombed and machine-gunned, Read stuck to the job with his father until there was no food or water left in the boat.

When they returned home Mr. Read said of his son "He was a brave boy. My grandfather and father before me sailed across the Channel and I knew he would be able to look after himself."

WINTER EDUCATION

NEW CLASSES AT TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

An extension of the courses of study is announced in the syllabus for the winter session of the Thanet Technical Institute, which opens at Chatham House and Townley House, Ramsgate, and New Cross-street School, Margate, on 22nd September.

In addition to the usual commercial subjects, classes in English, French and German will be held.

Provision is also made for practical education in building, plumbing, mining, electrical engineering, engineering science and motor engineering, as well as dressmaking and cookery.

Admission is free to students under 16 on 1st September and the moderate fees for the senior students include attendance at a recreative class.

Further particulars can be obtained from the Principal, whose address is School of Art, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury.

IN THE THIRD YEAR

FARMERS AGAIN GO TO IT

In many parts of the country the time has now arrived of which Mr. R. S. Hudson, the Minister of Agriculture, spoke in the House of Commons last June, when he said: "The moment this harvest is over we have to start preparing for the next, and the cultivations that should be done in the next few months will have a very definite effect on the yield of the harvest next year."

These months are filled with precious time—time that means food. For however the Battle of the Atlantic fares—and it is not won yet—even the winning of it will not mean the restoration of one of the many ships that have been lost. Nor will its winning release a single ship from the urgent and vital duties of transporting the fighting men and the machines of war to distant fronts or to supply them with the full flow of war supplies that next year will witness.

So once more we must prepare to feed this island nation from its own soil. It is a full size task, for not only must present arable play its full part but another two million acres of grass must go to the plough. Only by good cultivation can the wireworm be defeated, and to gain time for this work the plough must go in now. Every mile the plough travels in the next few weeks will ease the strain on labour and machinery in the crowded hours of next spring.

This is a yeoman's task and it is to the yeoman farmers of Britain that the nation looks—and looks with confidence. These farmers, with two years of magnificent effort behind them, will again respond. We shall see them in thousands in the weeks to come answering the first call of the third year—the call to "Plough now and sow early."

SALARIES GO UP

A number of recommendations for increases of salary were submitted by the Staffing and Salaries Sub-Committee at a meeting of Margate Town Council to-day.

The committee recommended:

That Mr. G. W. Hagger, Cemetery Clerk, be placed in Grade III of the Salary Scale, commencing at £130 per annum, as from 1st August;

That Miss M. Griggs, shorthand-typist, Town Clerk's department, (present salary £78 per annum), be promoted to Grade II Female Scale, commencing at £91 per annum, as from 1st September;

R. Roscoe and B. T. Bergg, Borough Treasurer's department, from £280 to £300;

S. W. Griggs and V. H. J. Addis, Town Clerk's department, from £280 to £300;

F. W. Bellchambers and C. Fleet, Borough Treasurer's department, from £220 to £230;

D. G. W. Chandler, Borough Treasurer's department, from £200 to £220.

EIGHT CANDIDATES

FOR FOUR COUNCIL SEATS

Eight candidates have been nominated to fill four vacancies on Ramsgate Town Council.

They are Messrs. J. B. Butler, H. Farmer, P. J. R. Home, G. E. Rose, D. J. R. Smith, W. T. Peters, J. B. Sharman and Dr. A. Duffy.

The vacancies have been caused through the elevation to the aldermanic bench of Councillors T. W. Mockridge, C. R. Woodhams and A. E. Petley and the resignation of Councillor S. D. Pallin.

All the candidates were invited, in support of their candidature, to attend a meeting of Council in committee on Thursday.

After interviewing the candidates the Council decided to recommend the co-option of Mr. Butler, Mr. Farmer, Dr. Duffy and Mr. Smith.

CENTENARIAN OPTIMIST

Mrs. Harriett Jeffery, a former resident of Broadstairs, celebrated her 100th birthday last week at Tonbridge.

In spite of everything, Mrs. Jeffery thinks the modern world is an improvement on that of her childhood.

Black-out To-day 8.0 p.m.—5.56 a.m.

ANSWERED PRAYERS

VICAR CITES AMAZING INSTANCES

At the request of His Majesty the King, Thanet, in common with other places throughout the land, observed Sunday as a Day of National Prayer.

A civic service, held at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, in the morning, was attended by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), aldermen and members of the Council, representatives of the three branches of the fighting services and of all sections of the local Civil Defence Services.

A feature of the service, conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. R. Farnsworth), was a modernised version of some of the hymns.

The spirit of the large congregation was expressed in the following verse, sung to the tune of "God of our fathers.":

Not for the lust of war we fight,
But for the triumph of the right;
The strife we hate is on us thrust,
Our aims are pure, our case is just;
So strong in faith, we plead with Thee
For justice, peace and liberty.

Note of Fellowship.

The Vicar said he wanted the service that morning to strike a note of fellowship in the presence of God. In the hymns which they had sung, some of which were familiar, while the words of others were not so familiar, in their prayers and in the whole act of worship there was a sense of fellowship, not only one with another in that church, but with those who that day in their own way and their own places of worship, some in their homes were offering up their prayers before the throne of grace. Who could measure the result of that united effort as they sought to lay their requests before God?

In the last three years there had been some amazing instances of prayer being answered. Some would remember, at the Mayor-making ceremony in the town three years previously the Mayor said "I am an earnest believer in God." He had an opportunity of talking to the Mayor about the possibility of the meetings of the Town Council beginning with a prayer and the Council almost unanimously agreed to it. Were they surprised that the season which followed was a record one for the town?

Again, at the time of Munich, the whole nation gathered together for prayer. People met together four times a day at St. George's. In a remarkable way those prayers were answered, and war did not come then. Had they thought what might have happened had it come then?

The next time the nation was called to intercession by prayer was in May the previous year. Many present in the congregation that morning came back from Dunkirk. That was a defeat in one sense for the British Army, except for the spirit of their men and women. They left almost everything behind and the country was almost entirely unarmed. Was not the fact that at that time Hitler failed to blow these places to pieces an answer to prayer?

Spring Invasion Averted.

Again this spring, when they felt that some early attempt would be made at invasion, what happened? The enemy's thoughts turned to other countries in South East Europe. Why did he waste men and material over countries which could have waited until after his greatest effort, which he knew must be against the British Empire? Was not that an answer to prayer?

Who was going to tell the outcome of their prayers that day, even along the material lines he had suggested? Of course their minds were immediately concerned with seeking peace. Of course they wanted a cessation of hostilities. Let them reach out beyond that and gain from communion with God that inspiration He alone could give to make the world a better place than they found it.

Surely they realised what the conflict really was. He did not think of it in terms of battleships, or troops or air forces. He was not thinking in terms of bombs, or the other paraphernalia of war. What counted far more was the spirit of the people.

He had not taken a text for his address that morning, continued the Vicar. Recently, like other ministers, he had sent to him by the Ministry of Information a poster. It was a very fine text. It portrayed the swastika in black, with a cross over the top. At the top it had "I Believe." If they kept the cross ever before them they would be well on the road to victory.

MARGATE

By Negotiation.—Negotiations are still proceeding between Margate Town Clerk and the Kent County Council concerning the claim made by the County Council in connection with the enlargement of the borough.

J.I.C. Membership.—The Sub-Committee re Workmen's Wages and Conditions of Service has been asked to consider the advisability of becoming members of the Joint Industrial Council and to submit their recommendations to the October meeting of Margate Town Council.

Food Control Committee.—The following have been appointed members of Margate Food Control Committee for one year from 12th September: The Mayor and Mayoress (Alderman and Mrs. G. P. Hoare), Alderman W. R. Noble, Councillors Mrs. Giles and A. W. Thomson, Mrs. D. M. Cornford, Mrs. M. Venner, Mr. W. B. Reeve, Messrs. E. E. Woodward (grocers), R. W. Harrington (butchers), A. W. Avis (Co-operative Society), H. A. Smith (dairymen), R. C. D. Barnes (bakers) and T. W. Eden (representing Trade Unions).

FAMILY OF THREE KILLED

Sister of Mrs. S. T. McKenzie, of Nethercourt-hill, St. Lawrence, Mrs. Alice Mary Zeum has died in hospital at Blackpool, following injuries received when a plane crashed through the Central railway station.

As reported in our last issue, her husband, Mr. Victor William Zeum, and daughter Jean, aged five, were among those killed.

Mr. Zeum was an ambulance driver in London and had gone to Blackpool with his wife and child for a week's holiday. The plane crashed on the station when they were registering their luggage in advance for the return home.

LOST ON LANCASTRIA

L/Corpl. Percy Cecil Horne, of The Buffs, son of Mrs. M. Turner, of No. 7 Oxford-street, Margate, who was posted as missing 14 months ago, is now reported to have lost his life when the Lancastria was sunk in June last year.

An old Central School boy, L/Corpl. Horne, who was 19 years of age, was assistant swimming instructor at the Lido Swimming Pool. He was mobilised as a Territorial shortly before the outbreak of war.

A BETTER WORLD

BIRCHINGTON DRUMHEAD SERVICE

A drumhead service conducted by the Vicar of Birchington (Rev. N. M. Granville Sharp) in the grounds of Woodford House School on Sunday afternoon was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Margate (Alderman and Mrs. G. P. Hoare) and representatives of many local services and associations.

In a purposeful address the Vicar said this old world had proved to be rotten and it had to be rebuilt on a new foundation. God made a beautiful world but it was the wickedness and rottenness of the society in which they lived that had made it what it was.

Choosing for his text "Be strong and very courageous," the Vicar said:

"Many of you have been doing your duty here, and, as your Vicar, I am proud of you. All of us are to be called upon to continue to do that duty. The winter months lie ahead, with the possibility of boredom, or, as they say in the Army, 'browned off.' The possibilities of further aerial bombardment are very great; there are possibilities of very unpleasant things. But whatever it may be I bid one and all to pray.

"Amid the din of battle and the excitement, possibly, of a near victory, don't lose sight of what we are fighting for. We are fighting for something far greater than territorial rights. We are fighting for great spiritual truths of life to-day. There seem to be two contradictory variations of life; one, freedom and decency and the spiritual things of life; the other, which presumably teaches murder, cruelty, dictatorship and mad nationalism. Remember, we stand for freedom, and in our battle and victory let us not forget that those ideals for which we stand must never be lost sight of.

"We have a far greater battle to fight in the years to come to make the world a more fit place for Christ to live in. This old world has been proved to be rotten. It has to be rebuilt on a new foundation. That will be our lot. For God's sake don't go back on the old road when this business is over and forget what happened. That's what happened last time and that's why we are at war to-day.

"God made a beautiful world. It is the wickedness and rottenness of the society in which we live that has made the world what it is to-day. Unless we realise there is One above and work in accordance with Him the task is useless. That is the battle we have eventually to face. Unless we settle it in line with Him we shall go back to a worse hell in years to come."

ALL OF A SUDDEN

SOLDIER WHO COLLAPSED IN FISH CAFE

"It took me all of a sudden," said a Canadian soldier, Spr. Richard McPhail, aged 23, who was charged at Ramsgate police court on Monday with being drunk and incapable in King-street at 10.30 p.m. on 30th August.

McPail should have appeared at court the previous week but failed to surrender to his bail.

W/R Morgan said he was on patrol duty in King-street when he was told that defendant was drunk in a fish cafe. With the assistance of P/S Buddle he carried defendant out and found that he was drunk and incapable of taking care of himself. He was taken to the police station in an ambulance.

Defendant said he had been in hospital for some time and did not know that he could not take the drink.

An officer said defendant had a clean record in the Army and had never been in trouble before. It was true that he had recently come out of hospital.

Asked why he did not surrender to his bail the previous week, defendant said he intended to but his watch stopped at 10.30 and he discovered it was 11.15.

Defendant was fined 5s.

HIGHER ELECTRICITY CHARGES

OPPOSED BY COUNCIL

Margate Town Council are to oppose an application from the Isle of Thanet Electric Supply Co. Ltd. to the Electricity Commissioners for consent to increase the basic pre-war charges for current from 33⅓ per cent. to 50 per cent.

The Town Clerk (Mr. P. T. Grove) has been instructed to arrange, through the Joint Advisory Electricity Sub-Committee, for the application to be opposed and representations made that any deficiency occasioned by the special local conditions should be borne out of Government funds and not provided by an increase in the present tariffs.

BROADSTAIRS

Mothers Unite.—Mrs. Farnsworth, wife of the Vicar of Ramsgate, addressed a joint meeting of the Mothers' Union at St. Peter's last week, when the local branch entertained the Holy Trinity and St. Andrew's branches.

Good Templary.—At the weekly meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., held at Broadstairs Good Templar Hall on Tuesday, under the chairmanship of Miss O. Ware, Chief Templar, messages of congratulation and cheer were received from Mrs. N. Jacobsen, P.D.V.T., Mr. W. H. Jacobsen, District Counsellor, Kent County Lodge, Mrs. R. A. Watt, P.D.V.T., Chief Templar, Advance Lodge, and Miss Coleman, Sunbeam Lodge. Encouraging messages were received from absent friends, including Miss E. Whitehead, the oldest member of the lodge, who has just celebrated her 89th birthday. The lodge chaplain, Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W., conducted the intercession service. An educational programme was carried out under the direction of Mrs. L. A. Ware, Lodge Supt. of Educational Work.

MAKING UP THEIR PAY

Owing to promotions and increases in the amounts of service pay and allowances difficulty is being experienced at Margate in operating the Corporation Staff War Service and Supplementary Pay scheme.

On the recommendation of the Borough Treasurer a sum is to be retained each month on making the payment to each employee, such balances to be held in reserve until the necessary verification of service pay and allowances has been obtained.

ANXIOUS FOR NEWS

Readers renewing postal subscriptions to the THANET ADVERTISER & ECHO write:

From Pershore, Worcester.—"Many thanks for the prompt way you send the paper each week. We are all very eager to get it for we are all anxious for news of dear old Ramsgate."

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WOMEN'S CHAT

SAUSAGES FOR DINNER

Overheard at the butcher's: "So glad Lord Woolton is going to give us more sausages, they are such a stand-by." "Yes, they are certainly something to fall back on."

That little snatch of chat sums up the all-round usefulness of the sausage. There are so many ways of cooking it that there is no need for the family to exclaim "What, sausages again!" however often they are served.

Try some of these "stand-bys":

Shipwrecked Mariners.

- 6 sausages
- 4 tablespoonfuls rice
- 1 pint vegetable stock
- 1 lb. runner beans
- 2 medium sized tomatoes
- ½ teaspoonful sage
- Salt, pepper, gravy thickening.

Cook the rice in the stock, strain off any surplus liquid and save for gravy. Stir in the sliced tomatoes, the sage and the runner beans, which should be strung, sliced finely, cooked separately and strained.

Pile this savoury rice mixture on a hot dish. Put the sausages, crisply grilled, on top of the rice mound. Make a gravy with the rice and bean liquor well thickened with gravy powder and pour it round the dish. Serve very hot with a dish of potatoes.

Braised Sausages.

- 6 sausages
- 1 lb. potatoes
- 1 pint stock
- A little cooking fat
- 1 lb. runner beans
- 1 lb. carrots
- 1 bayleaf
- 6 peppercorns
- Salt.

Lightly grill the sausages, put the sausage fat into a stout pan with a little additional fat and put in the bayleaf, peppercorns and carrots cut into ½-inch rounds. Put on the lid and simmer for 15 minutes on a very low heat. Now add the sausages and the potatoes cut in slices, pour in the stock, simmer gently for half an hour, when the potatoes should be cooked.

Cook the runner beans separately in a very little boiling salted water, add them to the other ingredients and cook together for another five minutes. Serve in a deep hot dish with snippets of wheatmeal toast.

Cabbage and Sausage Pie.

- 6 sausages
- ½ lb. mashed potatoes
- 1 medium sized cabbage
- 2 large green apples
- ½ cupful well-seasoned brown gravy.

Shred the cabbage, core and thinly slice the apples (do not peel them). Take the sausages out of the skins and mix the meat thoroughly with the mashed potato. Fill a pie dish with the shredded cabbage and apple, pressing down firmly because the mixture shrinks as it is cooked. Pour in the gravy. Roll the sausage and potato mixture on a floured board until it is just the size to fit over the pie dish. Brush with melted dripping, put a paper over it and bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes, then take off the paper and cook for 10 minutes more.

LICENSEE'S LOSS

DEATH OF MRS. CAGE

The sympathy of his many friends will be extended to Mr. T. Cage, of the Red Lion Hotel, King-street, Ramsgate, in the loss he has sustained by the death of his wife, Mrs. (Dorie) Doris Edith Cage, who passed away at 16 Ellington-road on Thursday, aged 34 years.

Before they came to Ramsgate about 12 years ago, Mr. Cage was responsible for the formation of the Croydon Motor Cycle Racing Club and was assisted by his wife to organise the first pillion trial ever held in England. Since coming to Ramsgate Mrs. Cage had taken up greyhound racing and had dogs kennelled at the Dumpton Park course.

In addition to the widower, Mrs. Cage leaves a family of three children.

The funeral took place at Croydon on Monday.

MARGATE WAR GRAVES

There have been a total of 66 interments in war service graves at Margate Cemetery, and the War Graves Commission have supplied 54 temporary wooden crosses.

COST OF BRITISH RESTAURANTS

The Ministry of Food have approved the expenditure by Ramsgate Town Council of £1,765 for the necessary adaptations and equipment for the town's three British Restaurants, two of which are already in operation.

OLD RUYMIANS

Will all Old Ruymians who have not yet done so please send active service particulars to L. C. Philpott, 34 The Oval, Stafford?

MARGATE HOSPITAL FLAG DAY

The flag day held at Margate in aid of the General Hospital realised £115.

IN THE SERVICE OF YOUTH

FIRST YEAR'S WORK IN KENT

The first annual report of the Kent Youth Committee, signed by Mr. G. J. Gully, chairman, and Dr. E. Alec Woolf, secretary, states that it is consistent with the traditional spirit of the county that the year's work, small though it is in comparison with what remains to be done, should have been achieved at such a critical time in the history of the country and in a part of it which was, more than most, in the front line during the Battle of Britain.

The report points out that during the first chequered year the committee had striven to weld together interests which were previously diverse or which had not effectively been brought together.

"It is," states the report, "always difficult for a co-ordinating body to give a significant and lively meaning to the word 'co-ordination.' Co-ordination is of little use unless it brings with it guidance, but guidance need not and should not imply rigid control. Indeed, all in this county who know the value of local effort and local enthusiasm would resist any attempt to impose rigid control. None know the needs of young people in a district better than those who live amongst them.

"The friendly spirit shown in the meetings of the Youth Committee has made it no idle hope that voluntary organisations can pool ideas, revise administrative arrangements, and, by a willingness to compromise and to surrender what is not essential, assist each other in the Service of Youth."

KEEP ON THE TARGET

"The expansion of the world conflict continues, and with it the demand for war material of every kind for ourselves and our Allies increases," writes Lord Kindersley, President of the National Savings Committee, in a letter to honorary secretaries of Savings Committees throughout the country. "It is of vital importance that the flow of saving and lending to the Government shall keep pace with this expenditure.

"We cannot possibly exaggerate the urgency of the call to save and lend to-day. Procrastination and delay at such a moment in our history must not be tolerated.

"From many quarters I have been asked whether groups who are working to achieve a 'target' should abandon their efforts when the Warship Weeks Campaign is launched in October. I would like to take this opportunity of saying that I trust that nothing of the kind will take place. When a group has achieved a target I hope the members will set themselves another and more difficult one, and continue as long as the need exists. Such action should in no way conflict with Warship Week as each group's contribution during the particular week will figure in the total results for the area."

REQUIEM MASS AT BROADSTAIRS

A special requiem mass was held at Holy Trinity Church, Broadstairs, on Friday in memory of Martin T. Fagg, a former server at the church, who has been reported missing presumed killed while serving as an artificer in the Royal Navy.

Other men of the parish who have given their lives in the fight for democratic freedom were also remembered at the service, which was conducted by the Rector, the Rev. C. H. Bailey.

WESTGATE

Sub - Postmaster Bereaved. — The funeral took place on Thursday of Mrs. Isobel Florence Hyams, wife of Mr. L. A. Hyams, of Lymington-road Post Office, Westgate, who died at the age of 37 years, seven months after her marriage. Mrs. Hyams was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Nunn, of Margate.

"The health of the country is better than it has been for years."—Major Gwilym Lloyd George, M.P.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

MARRIAGES

Corke—Clifton.—30th August, at St. John's Church, Margate, Frank Dawson Corke, of Tonbridge, to Vera Ethel Clifton, of Margate.

Horton—Buckingham.—30th August, at Birchington Parish Church, Thomas Horton, of Minnis Bay, to Ivy Buckingham, of Birchington.

Hill—Beerling.—30th August, at St. Lawrence Church, by the Rev. O. P. Cowland-Cooper, John Henry Hill, of New Malden, Surrey, to Ellen Mary Beerling, of St. Lawrence.

Morley—Tufill.—30th August, at St. Peter's Church, Caversham, Reading, by the Rev. W. F. Wood, Lewis Morley to Eleanor Mary Tufill, both of Margate.

Patey—Leach-Lewis.—8th September, at Old Marston, Oxon, Gnr. Derek H. A. R. Patey, R.A., of Limpsfield, to Georgine Leach-Lewis, of Margate.

DEATHS

Cage.—4th September, at 16 Ellington-road, Ramsgate, (Dorie) Doris Edith Cage, aged 34 years, of the Red Lion Hotel, Ramsgate.

Raven.—1st September, at The Batch House, Wincanton, Margaret Maxwell Raven, of The Coves, St. Peter's, aged 89 years.

Wilkinson.—2nd September, at Margate Hospital, Joseph Henry Wilkinson.

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